

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1406**  
FOR ANSWER ON 09/03/2016

**QUANTUM AND VALUE OF STEEL IMPORTED FROM ABROAD**

1406. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the country-wise and year-wise details of quantum and value including per unit value of steel imported from abroad during the last three years;
- (b) the rate at which steel is available in the country;
- (c) the reasons for import of steel;
- (d) whether Government proposes to impose levy on imported steel to safeguard domestic steel industry from cheap imports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)&(b): Details are given at **Annexure-I & II** respectively.

(c) India has witnessed about 75.5% increase (year-on-year) in imports of total steel (Alloy + Non-Alloy) in 2014-15 and about 24% increase during April'15 to Jan.'16. Steel is a deregulated sector & imports depend on various market factors such as price, quality, availability etc. Further, a small quantity of high quality steel, not manufactured locally, is also imported. The jump in imports is however largely on account of global steel glut. Due to this reason, steel is being exported by China and other countries, often at below cost of production.

(d)&(e): In order to protect domestic steel sector, the Government has taken various measures which have reduced the pace of growth of imports. While imports grew by about 75% in the Financial Year 2014-15, compared to the Financial Year 2013-14, the import growth has slowed to about 24% in the period April'15 – Jan.'16, compared to the same period in the last Financial Year. Various steps taken in this regard are as follows:-

- (i) To ensure that only quality steel is produced or imported, Government has notified Steel & Steel Products (Quality Control) Orders, 2012 dated 12.03.2012 and Steel & Steel Products (Quality Control) Orders, 2015 dated 15.12.2015.

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- (ii) To increase availability of Coal and Iron ore for the domestic steel industry:-
  - (a) Notified the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Amendment Act, 2015 on 30.03.2015 to streamline coal block allocations.
  - (b) Notified the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 on 27.03.2015 to streamline grant of Mining Leases.
- (iii) The Union Budget 2015-16 has raised peak rate of basic customs duty on both flat and non-flat steel to 15% from 10%.
- (iv) Hiked import duty on ingots & billets, alloy steel (flat & long), stainless steel (long) and non-alloy long products from 5 % to 7.5% and non-alloy and other alloy flat products from 7.5% to 10%. This was further revised in August, 2015 on flat steel from 10% to 12.5%, long steel from 7.5% to 10% and semi-finished steel from 7.5% to 10%.
- (v) In November, 2014, instructions were issued to ensure import of rebars strictly as per Steel Product Quality Control Order 2012, to block influx of cheap imports of boron added rebars.
- (vi) In June, 2015, an Anti-Dumping Duty levied for five years on imports of certain variety of hot-rolled flat products of stainless steel from China (\$ 309 per tonne), Korea (\$ 180 per tonne) and Malaysia (\$ 316 per tonne).
- (vii) Imposed, in September, 2015, a provisional Safeguard Duty of 20% on hot-rolled flat products of non-alloy and other alloy steel, in coils of a width of 600 mm or more, for a period of 200 days.
- (viii) Imposed, vide its notification dated 05.02.2016, the Minimum Import Price (MIP) condition on 173 steel products. Imports of items covered under this notification will not be allowed into the country below the notified price.

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Quantity ('000 tonnes)				Value (Rs. crore)				Approximate Per Unit Value (Rs./t)			
COUNTRY	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	COUNTRY	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	COUNTRY	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
ARGENTINA	2.1	0.5	0.82	ARGENTINA	7.27	2.59	3.2	ARGENTINA	34619	48868	39024
AUSTRALIA	8.4	5.1	8.28	AUSTRALIA	49.03	29.76	48.28	AUSTRALIA	58092	58698	58309
BAHRAIN	7.0	0.8	0.22	BAHRAIN	26.92	6.92	2.2	BAHRAIN	38293	92267	100000
BELGIUM	168.2	94.8	126.13	BELGIUM	966.07	689.08	697.93	BELGIUM	57449	72711	55334
BRAZIL	144.3	70.0	128.87	BRAZIL	548.97	312.18	538.34	BRAZIL	38038	44616	41774
CANADA	34.7	18.1	7.31	CANADA	121.76	67.72	35.09	CANADA	35120	37394	48003
CHILE	0.1	0.1	0.02	CHILE	0.3	0.51	0.13	CHILE	30000	85000	65000
CHINA	1688.2	1088.4	3600.42	CHINA	7617.27	5562.97	15234.42	CHINA	45121	51110	42313
DENMARK	3.5	1.0	4.78	DENMARK	16.58	6.81	38.46	DENMARK	47102	68788	80460
DJIBOUTI	0.1	0.0	0	DJIBOUTI	0.25	0	0	DJIBOUTI	31250	-	-
FINLAND	12.4	13.8	11.8	FINLAND	202.39	231.84	176.95	FINLAND	163481	167878	149958
FRANCE	126.7	36.5	155.84	FRANCE	1006.53	691.98	1168.2	FRANCE	79455	189844	74961
GERMANY	569.5	186.0	149.03	GERMANY	3317.36	1583.7	1248.07	GERMANY	58249	85163	83746
HONGKONG	3.2	0.4	1.5	HONGKONG	12.71	3.59	8.31	HONGKONG	39228	87561	55400
INDONESIA	5.5	2.3	14.41	INDONESIA	44.45	20.6	63.56	INDONESIA	80965	89956	44108
IRAN	129.2	100.7	0	IRAN	417.73	347.32	0.04	IRAN	32337	34477	-
ITALY	83.1	25.2	54.95	ITALY	450.81	380.8	466.87	ITALY	54223	151351	84963
JAPAN	1545.0	1355.7	1583.31	JAPAN	7437.14	6755.98	7997.84	JAPAN	48136	49834	50513
KAZAKHSTAN	14.1	8.1	8.93	KAZAKHSTAN	50.63	31.84	38.47	KAZAKHSTAN	36010	39212	43080
KOREA	1576.7	1312.6	1874.93	KOREA	7883.35	6924.49	8948.83	KOREA	50001	52756	47729
KUWAIT	0.3	0.1	1.79	KUWAIT	1.36	0.54	5.17	KUWAIT	42500	67500	28883
MALAYASIA	45.3	29.9	95.99	MALAYASIA	333.61	232.51	506.37	MALAYASIA	73580	77893	52752
NETHERLANDS	25.7	21.6	40.21	NETHERLANDS	109.59	88.62	160.19	NETHERLANDS	42625	40990	39838
ROMANIA	10.4	26.2	11.14	ROMANIA	50.9	137.17	47.9	ROMANIA	49179	52335	42998
RUSSIA	326.6	145.9	226.02	RUSSIA	1435.36	910.62	1268.03	RUSSIA	43947	62435	56103
SAUDI ARABIA	41.0	47.8	4.19	SAUDI ARABIA	145.29	196.5	15.16	SAUDI ARABIA	35454	41109	36181
SOUTH AFRICA	57.9	44.1	71.47	SOUTH AFRICA	306.04	283.11	371.22	SOUTH AFRICA	52875	64241	51941
SPAIN	73.5	21.1	29.67	SPAIN	466.8	188.38	269.81	SPAIN	63493	89492	90937
SRI LANKA	0.3	0.2	0.12	SRI LANKA	1.6	1.45	0.95	SRI LANKA	53333	65909	79167
TAIWAN	200.1	118.8	190.33	TAIWAN	953.19	666.11	1006.56	TAIWAN	47645	56089	52885
THAILAND	18.3	21.9	15.93	THAILAND	130.29	141.27	116.64	THAILAND	71158	64536	73220
TURKEY	36.3	14.1	29.09	TURKEY	152.06	76.24	135.05	TURKEY	41913	53918	46425
U.K.	63.3	28.0	30.26	U.K.	363.01	233.49	276.67	U.K.	57320	83360	91431
UAE	41.1	19.6	34.14	UAE	175.8	92.74	152.92	UAE	42815	47340	44792
UKRAINE	419.7	323.0	348.77	UKRAINE	1524.09	1086.59	1212.71	UKRAINE	36312	33638	34771
USA	116.8	79.3	120.12	USA	754.94	631.59	565.14	USA	64630	79696	47048
Others	326.4	188.7	339.24	Others	2208.55	1797.89	2067.32	Others	67656	95273	60940
<b>Total</b>	<b>7925</b>	<b>5450</b>	<b>9320</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>39290</b>	<b>30416</b>	<b>44893</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>49577</b>	<b>55808</b>	<b>48168</b>
Source: JPC				Source: JPC				Source: JPC			

Import of total finished steel : April-January 2015-16 (prov.)							
COUNTRY	Qty ('000t)		COUNTRY	Value (Rs cr)		COUNTRY	Approx per unit value (Rs./t)
ARGENTINA	0.39		ARGENTINA	1.49		ARGENTINA	38205
AUSTRALIA	3.26		AUSTRALIA	41.20		AUSTRALIA	126380
BAHARIN	0.02		BAHARIN	0.31		BAHARIN	155000
BANGLADESH	0.54		BANGLADESH	1.76		BANGLADESH	32593
BELGIUM	79.16		BELGIUM	457.07		BELGIUM	57740
BRAZIL	176.29		BRAZIL	501.42		BRAZIL	28443
CANADA	5.53		CANADA	21.44		CANADA	38770
CHINA	3082.62		CHINA	10875.95		CHINA	35282
DENMARK	3.09		DENMARK	49.64		DENMARK	160647
DJIBOUTI	0.62		DJIBOUTI	1.58		DJIBOUTI	25484
FINLAND	9.54		FINLAND	133.38		FINLAND	139811
FRANCE	51.83		FRANCE	442.00		FRANCE	85279
GERMANY	161.03		GERMANY	1100.34		GERMANY	68331
HONGKONG	0.28		HONGKONG	3.19		HONGKONG	113929
INDONESIA	169.78		INDONESIA	455.31		INDONESIA	26818
ITALY	23.41		ITALY	225.43		ITALY	96296
JAPAN	1797.81		JAPAN	7166.04		JAPAN	39860
KAZAKHSTAN	4.91		KAZAKHSTAN	21.42		KAZAKHSTAN	43625
KOREA	2478.25		KOREA	8035.83		KOREA	32425
MALAYASIA	44.69		MALAYASIA	436.05		MALAYASIA	97572
NETHERLAND	14.98		NETHERLAND	63.66		NETHERLAND	42497
ROMANIA	1.68		ROMANIA	15.49		ROMANIA	92202
RUSSIA	305.31		RUSSIA	1358.22		RUSSIA	44487
SAUDI ARABIA	0.64		SAUDI ARABIA	3.21		SAUDI ARABIA	50156
SOUTH AFRICA	43.38		SOUTH AFRICA	232.71		SOUTH AFRICA	53645
SPAIN	22.76		SPAIN	232.77		SPAIN	102272
SRI LANKA	0.2		SRI LANKA	1.77		SRI LANKA	88500
TAIWAN	166.36		TAIWAN	740.60		TAIWAN	44518
THAILAND	34.93		THAILAND	141.65		THAILAND	40553
TURKEY	0.95		TURKEY	6.53		TURKEY	68737
U.K.	24.25		U.K.	236.35		U.K.	97464
UAE	30.02		UAE	128.91		UAE	42941
UKRAINE	185.72		UKRAIN	500.61		UKRAIN	26955
USA	69.71		USA	692.35		USA	99319
Other	310.06		Other	1836.55		Other	59232
Total	9304		Total	36073.00		Total	38771

source: JPC

**Annexure-II to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1406 due for reply on 09.03.2016**

Indicative average market prices of leading items of finished steel, 2012-13: Delhi market (Rs/t)												
Item	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Pig Iron	36400	35700	36200	36500	36000	36200	36000	35600	34500	33500	31500	30300
Pencil Ingots	36500	35200	34200	34500	32500	32000	31800	31800	30000	33100	32200	34500
Wire Rod 8mm	48700	47650	48530	48000	47720	47720	47650	47650	47130	46640	46290	45940
Rounds 12mm	48980	47020	47160	47160	46810	46810	46740	46740	46390	45510	45510	45330
TMT 10 mm	51580	49620	50280	50000	49650	49580	49580	49580	48710	47610	47610	47080
Plates 10mm	49770	49720	49620	49670	49590	49570	49520	49520	49420	49470	49470	49370
HR Coils 2.00 mm	49070	49070	49050	49050	48800	48840	48770	48750	48650	48700	48700	48720
CR Coils 0.63mm	54100	53580	53580	53180	52500	52780	52580	52580	52580	52980	52380	52980
GP Sheets 0.63mm	56200	54580	54580	53980	53380	53080	53080	52480	51880	53080	54280	54280
Melting Scrap HMS-II	32500	29000	29000	29000	27700	27700	27700	27500	27000	27000	27000	27200
Sponge Iron (Coal)	30000	28000	28000	27000	26000	26000	26000	26000	24500	26000	25600	26000
Item	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Item	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Indicative average market prices of leading items of finished steel, 2013-14: Delhi market (Rs/t)												
Item	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Pig Iron	30000	30800	30700	30500	30300	33000	33000	32800	32500	32800	32500	33000
Pencil Ingots	34500	31600	32100	31000	30000	31500	32500	32000	31500	32500	35400	34700
Wire Rod 8mm	45940	45940	46110	45590	44890	45410	45410	45170	45170	45520	46110	45940
Rounds 12mm	45330	45680	45860	44980	44630	45330	45330	45440	45440	46210	46560	46560
TMT 10 mm	47010	47360	47540	47080	46380	47430	47430	47960	47960	48310	48660	48310
Plates 10mm	49420	49420	49420	49420	49320	49470	49570	49470	49320	49740	49820	49920
HR Coils 2.00 mm	48770	48770	48710	48770	48670	48900	49120	49020	49020	49170	49290	49320
CR Coils 0.63mm	52980	52780	52580	52780	51900	52500	53180	52580	52700	53780	54180	54980
GP Sheets 0.63mm	54280	54280	53680	53680	53680	54280	55240	55240	54580	55180	55780	58180
Melting Scrap HMS-II	26600	26600	26500	24000	23000	28000	28000	27000	26500	27000	28200	27700
Sponge Iron (Coal)	25800	25800	26000	25000	24000	25800	26000	26000	25500	26200	27000	26300
Indicative average market prices of leading items of finished steel, 2014-15: Delhi market (Rs/t)												
Item	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Pig Iron	33000	32500	34000	34000	33500	32100	33750	34000	30833	30000	27833	26167
Pencil Ingots	34700	33800	37000	35000	34500	32000	34300	38475	30500	32000	31000	30000
Wire Rod 8mm	42000	40500	42000	44000	43500	43350	45000	42900	43125	41925	40550	39900
Rounds 12mm	43500	42500	44200	44000	43500	43650	44000	40000	39000	40000	39750	40250
TMT 10 mm	44500	43500	47600	46000	45500	45200	47075	44367	42542	42375	41775	41017
Plates 10mm	46000	45000	44000	43000	42500	42500	44500	42738	41500	40750	39500	38950
HR Coils 2.00 mm	46000	45500	45500	44500	43800	43500	44500	43500	42433	41167	40333	39667
CR Coils 0.63mm	52500	50000	52000	51000	50000	50782	51000	49200	49000	42500	47100	45000
GP Sheets 0.63mm	57500	54550	56000	55500	55500	54550	54275	53000	53167	52925	51350	50275
Melting Scrap HMS-II	27700	27200	28000	27000	27500	25500	25600	26500	23000	25000	24000	21000
Sponge Iron (Coal)	26300	25700	26300	25500	25500	25000	25200	23000	23500	24500	23750	22000
Market (retail) prices of leading items of finished steel, 2015-16: Delhi market (Rs./t)												
Item	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Pig Iron	27433	26667	24667	25533	25300	26000	24900	24033	23167	22833	25500	
Pencil Ingots	31200	29000	28000	24500	23600	26000	24000	22000	19500	25500	26500	
Wire Rod 8mm	40650	39500	38750	36000	36600	37000	35750	32500	29250	30750	34000	
Rounds 12mm	40250	37750	38200	36600	34150	37250	35575	31875	30250	29500	33250	
TMT 10 mm	42538	40075	40534	38188	36275	38750	35625	33713	30417	33284	36538	
Plates 10mm	40100	38267	36375	34850	33550	34725	35000	33000	30750	33100	33300	
HR Coils 2.00 mm	39100	40667	37438	36125	34250	34563	35675	34625	32200	33325	34033	
CR Coils 0.63mm	44533	44500	42000	40717	39750	40300	40825	37500	36267	35833	38000	
GP Sheets 0.63mm	49767	48350	49150	46783	43500	44233	44867	42500	41500	41133	40500	
Melting Scrap HMS-II	23000	21450	23100	20550	18000	22500	21100	14250	15300	16000	18350	
Sponge Iron (Coal)	23250	22150	22250	18900	17000	19000	17500	16500	16450	15500	16500	

Source: JPC