

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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GROWTH IN STEEL SECTOR

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of growth in the steel sector in last three years;
- (b) the actual production of steel in the last three years, sector-wise i.e. public, private and joint ventures sector;
- (c) the import of steel during the three years; and
- (d) the efforts being made to increase the production of steel in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) Data on growth of crude steel production and capacity expansion in the country during the last three years is provided in the table below:-

Indian Crude Steel Production			Capacity expansion	
Year	Quantity (million tonnes or mt.)	% change over same period of last year	Quantity (million tonnes or mt.)	% change over same period of last year
2011-12	74.29	5.1	90.87	13.0
2012-13	78.42	5.6	97.02	6.7
2013-14	81.69	4.2	101.02	4.1

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

- (b) Data on crude steel production, sector-wise under the categories, i.e. public and private sector for the last three years is provided in the table below:-

Sector-wise Crude Steel Production in Million Tonnes (mt.)			
Year	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
2011-12	16.47	57.82	74.29
2012-13	16.48	61.94	78.42
2013-14	16.78	64.92	81.70

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

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(c) Data on import of total finished steel during the last three years is provided in the table below:-

Imports of total finished steel in		Million Tonnes (mt.)
Year	Quantity	
2011-12	6.86	
2012-13	7.93	
2013-14	5.45	
Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)		

(d) Steel is a deregulated sector, the role of the Government is that of a facilitator providing a conducive policy environment. However, the Government has taken the following steps to increase the production of steel:-

- (i) An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been setup in the Ministry of Steel for effective coordination and expediting implementation of various investment projects in the steel sector.
- (ii) A Project Monitoring Group (PMG) has been constituted under the Cabinet Secretariat to fast track various clearances/resolution of issues delaying the investments of Rs.1000 crores or more in the manufacturing/infrastructure sector including the steel sector.
- (iii) To increase domestic value addition and improve iron ore availability for domestic steel industry, duty on export of iron ore has been increased to 30%. Recently, the Government has imposed export duty @ 5% ad-valorem on export of iron ore pellets.
- (iv) Rates of custom duty on stainless steel flat products have been enhanced from 5% to 7.5% in the Union Budget for 2014-15.
