

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2896
FOR ANSWER ON 06/09/2012

**LICENSE TO PRIVATE COMPANIES TO ESTABLISH STEEL
FACTORY**

2896. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) how many private companies are given license to establish a steel factory in the country, till date;
- (b) how many of them have started producing steel, till date; and
- (c) the amount of loans given by Public Sector Banks to these private companies on the ground that these companies have to produce steel?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): Steel is a de-regulated sector. As such no license is required from the Ministry of Steel for installation of a steel factory in the country. Main private steel producers include TATA Steel, Essar Steel, Jindal Steel & Power, JSW Steel, Bhushan Power & Steel, Bhushan Steel etc. There are several medium and small steel units in the country including mini blast furnace, sponge iron units, induction furnace units and rolling mills. Total number of such units is approximately 3647, as per the last survey conducted by Joint Plants Committee in 2009-10. About 77.5% steel is produced by the private sector steel companies. The information about loans given by the Public Sector Banks to private steel companies is not maintained by the Ministry of Steel.
