

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY OF FINISH STEEL IN PUBLIC SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the installed capacity of finish steel in public sector steel plants at present;
- (b) the quantity of said steel produced and exported during 2002-03 and proposed to be exported during 2003-04; and
- (c) the mechanism adopted to ensure that finished steel is available to domestic consumers at a reasonable price?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

- (a) The installed capacity of steel plants is normally defined in terms of saleable steel. The installed capacity of saleable steel in public sector steel plants, at present, is 13.634 million tonnes.
- (b) During 2002-03, the production and export of saleable steel was 13.466 million tonnes and 1.227 million tonnes respectively. The export target for saleable steel during 2003-04, is 1.4 million tonnes
- (c) Steel, as a product, is made available to the market through established distribution channels of individual steel companies and the price thereof is determined by market forces.