

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN EXPORT BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total steel exported by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during the years 2003 and 2004;
- (b) whether SAIL is now planning to reduce its exports by 6 percent; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) The details of exports of Steel by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Plants during the year 2003-04, 2004-05 (April-Dec.) are as follows: Qty.: `000 MT

Category 2003-04 April-Dec., 2004

A. Mild Steel

Billets	486.0	105
Wire Rods	38.0	17.8
Structurals	1.0	2.3
TMT Bars	9.0	0
HR Coils/Sheets	240.0	13.6
CR Coils/Sheets	11.0	0.2
Plates	355.0	123.6
CRNO	1.0	0
Total	1141.0	262.5

B. Special Steel 28.0 36.4

Total (A+B) 1169.0 298.9

(b) Exports of steel from SAIL during April-Dec. 2004 was about 67% less than the corresponding period last year. Under the MOU signed between SAIL and Ministry of Steel for the year 2004-05, SAIL has committed to export 400 thousand tonnes of steel (level 3) from four Integrated Steel Plants during 2004-05. As against this, cumulative exports of steel products from SAIL's Integrated Steel Plants during April-Dec., 2004 is 262.5 thousand tonnes.

(c) With a view to increasing availability of steel in the domestic market, exports have been limited during the current year.