

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA ON STEEL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain Chinese companies have initiated talks with Indian steel companies for possible joint ventures and technological co-operation;
- (b) if so, whether any agreement between India and China has been signed during the Prime Minister's visit in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the extent to which both China and India have agreed to help in developing the steel industry in the two countries;
- (e) whether China's demand for steel has increased significantly during the last couple of years; and
- (f) if so, the extent to which India will be able to meet the demands of China in steel sector?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): This Ministry does not monitor agreements between individual Indian and foreign steel companies. No agreement has been signed between India and China during the recent visit of the Chinese Prime Minister for cooperation between Indian and Chinese Governments in the iron and steel sector.

(c)&(d): Does not arise in view of above.

(e)&(f): It is a well known fact that China's demand for steel has increased significantly in the last couple of years. Steel companies in general are free to export steel material to China and other countries. However, the steel companies in the public sector have been advised to ensure that the domestic needs are fully met before taking up exports.