

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:372

ANSWERED ON:19.12.2005

PRODUCTION EXPORT OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a gradual increase in the domestic consumption, production and export of the finished carbon steel over the years;
- (b) if so, the details of production of finished carbon steel, pig iron and sponge iron alongwith export-import and domestic consumption figures during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether supply constraints are being faced by the steel industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the extent to which the National Steel Policy will be able to address the sector specific concerns;
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to further increase the export of steel; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (G) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.372 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2005 TABLED BY S/SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL AND HARIBHAU RATHOD, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PRODUCTION/EXPORT OF STEEL

(a) Over the last three years there has been a steady increase in the apparent consumption and production of finished (carbon) steel in the country. However, exports of finished (carbon) steel have declined since 2003-04.

(b) The details of production, export, import and apparent consumption of finished (carbon) steel, pig iron and sponge iron in the country during the last three years are given below:-

(in million tonnes)

Item	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
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PRODUCTION

Finished (Carbon) Steel	33.671	36.957	40.055
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Pig Iron	5.285	3.764	3.228
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Sponge Iron	6.91	8.1	10.296
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EXPORTS

Finished (Carbon) Steel	4.506	4.835	4.381
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Pig Iron	0.629	0.518	0.393
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Sponge Iron	NIL	0.00895	0.0298
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IMPORTS

Finished (Carbon) Steel	1.510	1.540	2.109
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Pig Iron	0.001	0.002	0.008
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Sponge Iron	NIL	NIL	NIL
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APPARENT CONSUMPTION

Finished (Carbon) Steel	28.897	31.169	34.389
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Pig Iron	4.644	3.263	2.791
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Sponge Iron	6.91	8.09	10.77
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(Source: Joint Plant Committee & Sponge Iron Manufacturers' Association)

(c)&(d): No, Sir. Any shortage in domestic availability is being met through imports.

(e) The long terms goal of the National Steel Policy is that India should have a modern and efficient steel industry of world standards, catering to diversified steel demand. All sector specific issues will be addressed to move towards the long term policy goal.

(f)&(g): In a liberalized and deregulated environment, the Government primarily plays the role of a facilitator and provides an enabling environment through policy initiatives to foster growth of the steel industry. In such an environment, the marketing strategy, including exports, is primarily decided by the individual producers/companies.