

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:310

ANSWERED ON:13.03.2006

IMPORT OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel is being imported into the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise and country-wise details of steel imported alongwith its quantity and rate during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether foreign and private sector investment is invited to increase the production of steel in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 310 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2006 TABLED BY S/SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE AND MAHENDRA PRASAD NISHAD, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING IMPORT OF STEEL

(a)&(b): The country-wise details of steel imported by India during the last three years and the current year along with the quantity and value of imports is given in the Annexure.

(c) In terms of the industrial policy in vogue, no prior permission is required for setting up steel plants barring certain locational restrictions. Entrepreneurs are free to set up these plants based on their commercial judgement. 100% foreign direct investment is permitted in this sector under the automatic route.

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

ANNEXURE

Country-wise import of Carbon Steel (including seconds/defective) through major Indian ports during 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

Carbon Steel (including seconds/defectives) (Quantity in `000` tonnes & Value: RS. Crores)
2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06(Prov)
(April -
January, 06)

| Country | Quan- tity | Value tity | Quan- tity | Value tity | Quan- tity | Value tity | Quan- tity | Value tity |
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|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Argentina | 1.05 | 1.61 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.59 | 1.51 | | |
| Australia | 19.15 | 44.79 | 36.88 | 95.62 | 20.7 | 46.71 | 8.30 | 25.66 |
| Austria | 9.37 | 12.98 | 0.34 | 1.44 | 3.3 | 13.62 | 0.67 | 7.48 |
| Bangladesh | | 0.24 | 0.50 | | | | | |
| Baharin | 0.6 | 0.76 | 1.16 | | | | | |
| Belgium | 28.56 | 43.07 | 59.86 | 106.83 | 24.9 | 54.59 | 48.99 | 127.22 |
| Brazil | 4.74 | 9.31 | 9.32 | 24.06 | 3.5 | 11.08 | 8.01 | 31.13 |
| Canada | 22.93 | 26.86 | 28.95 | 35.29 | 19.8 | 27.73 | 38.48 | 77.07 |
| China | 3.17 | 3.15 | 30.98 | 69.65 | 55.8 | 115.63 | 133.64 | 296.63 |
| CIS | 371.59 | 484.42 | 384.05 | 596.96 | 416.7 | 1139.88 | 1118.15 | 2613.34 |
| Czech. | 0.00 | 0.10 | | | | | | |
| Denmark | 6.20 | 4.31 | 0.34 | 2.60 | 2.7 | 4.99 | 8.93 | 14.56 |
| Egypt | | 27.6 | 126.78 | 280.66 | | | | |

