

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:115

ANSWERED ON:31.07.2006

AVAILABILITY OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment or proposes to make an assessment of the availability of steel in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether keeping in view the shortage of steel, the Government has formulated any scheme to appoint steel distributors in all the districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the quota norms in appointment of dealers;
- (e) whether any study has been made to ascertain the factors responsible for production of steel less than the target; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART(A) TO (F) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 115 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/07/2006 Tabled BY S/SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT AND PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF STEEL

(a)&(b): Based on the data related to production, exports and imports monitored by the Government, the overall availability of finished steel in the country in 2005-06 was 38.35 million MT which is higher by 11% compared to 2004-05. Figures of state-wise availability are not maintained.

(c) There is no shortage of steel in the country. All major producers in public and private sector have their distribution networks. Special thrust, however, is being provided in having distribution outlets at State, District and Sub-District levels through Public Sector Undertakings, namely Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) & Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL).

(d) SAIL has already appointed 200 dealers in 97 districts of the country and RINL has appointed district level dealers in 40 districts of the country. State-wise details are annexed.

Subject to the applicants fulfilling the eligibility criteria, applications belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes are accorded due preference.

(e)&(f): The production of finished steel during the last two years has grown at a compounded annual growth rate of about 7.5% which is higher than the target envisaged in the National Steel Policy.

Annexure

State-wise details of dealers appointed by SAIL and RINL in the country

(As on 1.06.2006)

Sl.NO.	State	No. of Dealers
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SAIL		RINL
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1	Andhra Pradesh	2 15
2	Andaman-Nicobar	1 -
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1 -

4 Assam	5	-
5 Bihar	22	-
6 Chhatishgarh	2	1
7 Gujarat	6	1
8 Goa	-	1
9 Haryana	12	1
10 Himachal Pradesh	2	1
11 Jammu & Kashmir	3	-
12 Jharkhand	16	1
13 Karnataka	2	1
14 Kerala	-	2
15 Madhya Pradesh	8	1
16 Maharashtra	3	1
17 Manipur	2	-
18 Meghalaya	1	-
19 Nagaland	2	-
20 Mizoram	2	-
21 Orissa	19	3
22 Punjab	14	1
23 Rajasthan	7	2
24 Tamil Nadu	3	3
25 Tripura	6	-
26 Uttaranchal	4	-
27 Uttar Pradesh	23	2
28 West Bengal	32	3
TOTAL	200	40