

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1668  
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DEMAND OF STEEL  
Pallani Shamy Shri K.C .;Sugavanam Shri E.G.

**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether demand for steel is increasing in the country during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to expand and modernise Salem Steel Plant to meet the growing demand for steel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The domestic demand for finished (Carbon) steel is reflected in the figures of apparent consumption. The apparent consumption of finished (Carbon) steel during the last three years is given below

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Quantity (in million tonnes)	31.169	34.389	39.185

Growth %      7.88%   10.33%   13.94%

(Source: Joint Plant Committee)

(c)to(e): Expansion of Salem Steel Plant has been approved 'in-principle' by the SAIL Board at an indicative cost of 1,553 crores. The expansion Plan envisages installation of a Steel Melting Shop to produce 1,80,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of stainless steel slabs and the capacity of Cold Rolling Mill to be increased to produce 146,000 tpa of cold rolled stainless steel.