

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:299  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2001  
PRICES OF STEEL PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of steel products crashed by over Rs. 1,300 per tonne compared to the prices in March 2001;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which it has affected domestic steel industry; and
- (d) the remedial steps being considered by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.299 FOR 10/12 TABLED BY SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI, MP AND SHRI G S BASAVARAJ, MP REGARDING PRICES OF STEEL PRODUCTS

(a)&(b): After liberalization of steel sector, the prices of steel are determined by the interplay of market forces and international prices, which are dynamic in nature. Prices of steel products vary from market to market and product to product. A statement showing the comparative market prices of select steel products in March 2001 and October 2001 in selected markets is given at Annexure I. The fall in prices could be attributed to a number of factors which, inter alia, include sluggish growth in domestic demand for steel and steel consuming sectors, fall in international prices, global excess capacity, cheap imports, imports of seconds and defectives and dumping of steel by certain countries.

(c) The domestic steel industry has been affected in terms of depressed domestic prices, reduced profitability and unutilized capacity.

(d) The Government has initiated several remedial measures which inter alia, include:

- i) Imposition of anti dumping duty on imports of HR coils from Russia and Ukraine,
- ii) Regulation of imports of seconds and defectives,
- iii) Higher allocation of funds to infrastructure sector to increase demand for steel,
- iv) Rationalization of duty structure for inputs for steel making,
- v) Launching of a National Campaign to increase consumption of steel.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**TREND OF MARKET PRICES PREVAILING IN MARCH, 2001 AND VARIATION WITH REFERENCE TO THE MARKET PRICES PREVAILING IN OCTOBER, 2001**

(Rs. Per Tonne)

ITEM	MONTH	MARKET PRICES						
		Calcutta	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Hyderabad	Kanpur	
Pig Iron LM Gr.IV	Mar`01	9100	9500	8500	8600	9000	10000	
	Oct`01	9200	9300	8500	8600	9000	10000	
	Variation	+100	-200	0	0	0	0	

Billets 100 mm Mar`01 11750 13500 11200 12700 12250 13000  
Oct`01 11100 12500 11800 12500 12500 12100  
Variation -650 -1000 +600 -200 +250 -900

Blooms 150x 150 mm Mar`01 11400 13400 10800 12400 11800 12200  
Oct`01 11200 12500 11000 12300 11800 12000  
Variation -200 -900 +200 -100 0 0

Wire Rods 6mm Mar`01 15250 16700 15500 15800 15000 15700  
Oct`01 15300 16000 15200 16000 16000 15200  
Variation +50 -700 -300 +200 +1000 -500

Wire Rods 8mm Mar`01 14700 16200 15000 15700 15000 15300  
Oct`01 14800 16000 15000 16000 15600 14600  
Variation +100 -200 0 +300 +600 -700

Rounds 12mm Mar`01 14050 15500 14800 14900 15000 13800  
Oct`01 14000 15300 14800 15000 15300 14000  
Variation -50 -200 0 +100 +300 +200

Torsteel 10 mm Mar`01 14325 16500 15000 15000 14800 15000  
Oct`01 13900 16200 15000 15000 14300 14300  
Variation -425 -300 0 0 -500 -700

Angles 50x50x6 mm Mar`01 13900 16000 14600 14700 14300 14200  
Oct`01 15600 15500 15500 15500 14800 14500  
Variation +1700 -500 +900 +800 +500 +300

Angles 100x100x8 mm Mar`01 13450 16000 14300 14500 14600 14300  
Oct`01 14100 15000 15000 15300 14700 13500  
Variation +650 -1000 +700 +800 +100 -800

Joist 125x70 mm Mar`01 16000 16000 15200 15800 15200 17000  
Oct`01 16300 15800 15600 16200 15500 16500  
Variation +300 -200 +400 +400 +300 -500

Joist 300x140 mm Mar`01 15550 16300 16000 16400 15500 16000  
Oct`01 16000 16700 16500 17200 15800 16500  
Variation +450 +400 +500 +800 +300 +500

Channels 75x40 mm Mar`01 14250 15800 14300 15100 14600 14500  
Oct`01 15000 15500 15400 15500 15500 14500  
Variation +750 -300 +1100 +400 +900 0

Channels 100x50 mm Mar`01 14250 15900 14300 15000 14500 14500  
Oct`01 15200 15300 15300 15500 15500 14500  
Variation +950 -600 +1000 +500 +1000 0

Plates 6 mm Mar`01 15250 17100 15500 17200 15600 15300  
Oct`01 13900 14700 14200 14000 13800 14200  
Variation -1350 -2400 -1300 -3200 -1800 -1100

Plates 8/10 mm Mar`01 15250 17100 15500 17000 15600 15200  
Oct`01 14000 14500 14200 14000 13800 14200  
Variation -1250 -2600 -1300 -3000 -1800 -1000

H R Coils 2.00 mm (TMQ) Mar`01 17800 18500 17500 17500 16400 15800  
Oct`01 15600 15200 15800 15200 15000 15000  
Variation -2200 -3300 -1700 -2300 -1400 -800

H R coils 3.15 mm (TMQ) Mar`01 15550 16700 16500 17000 15800 15800  
Oct`01 14150 14600 15000 14500 14800 14100  
Variation -1400 -2100 -1500 -2500 -1000 -1700

CR Coils 0.63 mm Mar`01 20850 20000 20800 22500 21100 21500  
Oct`01 19300 18000 19500 18500 19000 18000  
Variation -1550 -2000 -1300 -4000 -2100 -3500

G P Sheets 0.63 mm Mar`01 24650 27000 27500 25000 24500 25500  
Oct`01 23300 21000 25000 24200 22500 20100  
Variation -1350 -6000 -2500 -800 -2000 -5400

G C Sheets 0.63 mm Mar`01 25100 27000 27500 26500 25000 25000  
Oct`01 23700 21500 25500 23500 23000 23000  
Variation -1400 -5500 -2000 -3000 -2000 -2000

Melting Scrap Mar`01 8300 8500 7100 7300 6000 8200  
Oct`01 8200 7500 7200 7000 6800 7800  
Variation -100 -1000 +100 -300 +800 -400

HBI/ Sponge Iron Mar`01 7150 6000 7000 7000 6000 6800  
Oct`01 7000 7200 7100 7200 6500 7500  
Variation -150 +1200 +100 +200 +500 +700