

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF STEEL TO CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total steel exported to China during the last three years;
- (b) whether China has recently imposed a 7.26% safeguard duty on the import of steel; and
- (c) if so the extent to which the export of steel is likely to be affected ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) The value of steel exported to China during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is given below:

(Value in Rs. Lacs)

Item	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
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Primary & Semi-finished Iron & Steel	1555.50	12040.72	5195.44
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Iron & Steel Bar/Rod etc.	0.20	381.83	462.47
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Source: DGCIS.

(b): China has recently imposed provisional safeguard duty on 9 broad categories of steel products with effect from 24th May, 2002. The provisional safeguard measure is in the range of 7% to 26%. The duty is on imports exceeding predetermined quota level. Indian exports with the exception of non-alloy steel plates have been exempted from the application of the provisional safeguard measure. In respect of non-alloy plates, the imports in excess of the quota indicated by the Chinese authorities, would be subject to additional duty at the rate of 20%.

(c): It is too early to make a quantitative estimate of the extent of the impact of this provisional Safeguard duty.