

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1795  
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EXPORT OF STEEL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been increase in the export of steel during the last six months;
- (b) if so, the extent of increase registered in its export in comparison to corresponding period of last year;
- (c) the countries from which the demand for steel has increased and the foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (d) whether India is also facing tough competition from some of the other steel exporting countries with regard to the prices and the quality of the steel; and
- (e) if so, the main countries who are giving tough competition to the Indian steel exporting companies and how far the prices and the quality of the Indian steel is better in comparison to the other steel exporting countries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY( SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE )

(a) & (b) : The exports of Primary & Semi-finished Iron and Steel, and Iron & Steel bar/rod etc., during the period April-August 2002 and April-August 2003 are as indicated below:

Value in Rs. Crores

Item	April-August 2002+	April-August 2003+	April - August during April-August 2003+	Percentage Growth
Primary & Semi-finished Iron and Steel	2079.12	3698.68	77.89	
Iron & Steel bar/rod etc.	434.29	474.26	9.20	
+ (Provisional)				
Source: DGCI&S				

(c): The countries which have shown increase in their import of Primary & Semi-finished Iron and Steel from India during the period April-August 2003 as compared to the imports from India in the same period of 2002 include Afghanistan, Angola, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Taiwan, China R Rp, Djibouti, Egypt Arab Republic, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea RP, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Reunion, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, UAE, UK, Vietnam Soc Rep, Yemen Republic. The exports of the item to the above countries during the said period are valued at Rs. 3355.10 crores. Similarly, the countries which have shown increase in their import of Iron and Steel bar/rod etc., from India during the period April-August, 2003 as compared to the imports from India in the same period of 2002 include Afghanistan, Argentina, Bhutan, China P Rp, Czech Republic, Egypt Arab Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea Rp, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Turks C IS, Uganda, UK, Ukraine, Vietnam Soc Rep.. The exports of the item to the above countries during the said period are valued at Rs. 249.29 crores.

(d) & (e) :The competition is global. The price and quality of Indian steel are competitive and this is the reason for increase in steel exports from India.