

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3446  
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PRODUCTION EXPORT OF SPONGE IRON  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present capacity of each sponge Iron and Steel plants in the country;
- (b) the production of sponge Iron and Steel in those plants recorded during the last three years; and
- (c) the percentage/ quantity that product exported during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The present capacity of the sponge iron and steel plants in the country are given below:

Capacity of Sponge Iron  
(`000 tonnes)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (P)
Gas based	3860	6100	6100
Coal based	6125	6871	12573
Total	9985	12971	18673

Capacity of Crude Steel  
(`000 tonnes)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (P)
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Main producers	19106	19769	20769
EAF	8069	8151	8524
COREX/MBF-BOF/EOF	2185	2975	2975
Induction Furnace	10023	12353	12970
Total	39383	43248	45238

- (b) The production of sponge iron and steel recorded during the last three years is given below:

Production of Sponge Iron  
(`000 tonnes)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (P)
Gas based	3976	4643	4505
Coal based	4109	5653	8352
Total	8085	10296	12857

Production of Crude Steel  
(`000 tonnes)

2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 (P)

Main producers	20012	20015	21694
EAF	6185	7844	8242
COREX/MBF-BOF/EOF	2053	2385	2846
Induction Furnace	5998	8242	8562
Total	34248	38486	41344

(c) The quantity of the products exported during the last three years is given below:

Export of Sponge Iron			
(`000 tonnes)			
2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (P)	
Sponge Iron	8.9	29.8	41.5

Export of Iron and Steel (Carbon)			
(`000 tonnes)			
2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (P)	
Pig Iron	518.0	393.0	304.0
Semis	684.4	261.0	389.0
Finished Carbon Steel	4835.0	4381.0	4450.0