

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF CRUDE STEEL

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

- (a) whether India has emerged as the fifth largest steel producing country in the world;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the production of crude steel during each of the last three years and the comparison with other crude steel producing countries;
- (d) the foreign exchange earned on this crude steel during each of the last three years;
- (e) whether the Cold Rolled Steel Manufacturers Association of India has accused major steel plants of jacking up the prices of the hot rolled steel; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. During the year 2006, India has emerged as the 5th largest crude steel producing country in the world with the production at 49.4 million tonnes (Provisional).

(c) During the last three calendar years production of crude steel in India along with the leading crude steel producing countries in the world is given below:-

COUNTRY    World Production of crude steel (mt)  
                  2006 2005 2004

China	422.7	355.8	280.5
Japan	116.2	112.5	112.7
United States	98.6	94.9	99.7
Russia	70.8	66.1	65.6
India #	49.4	45.7	42.2
South Korea	48.5	47.8	47.5
Germany	47.2	44.5	46.4
Ukraine	40.9	38.6	38.7
Italy	31.6	29.3	28.5
Brazil	30.9	31.6	32.9

[Source: IISI]

[# Joint Plant Committee]

(d) The foreign exchange earned through export of crude steel (Billets, slabs etc) during the last three financial years is as under:-

(Value: Rs. in crores)  
2004-05    2005-06    2006-07  
575.46    850.29    850.29

( Source : Joint Plant Committee)

(e) The Cold Rolled Steel Manufacturers Association of India (COR SMA) had represented to the Ministry regarding hike in price of HR Coil by domestic producers and has demanded for reduction in customs duty on import of HR Coils from 5% to 2%.

(f) Domestic price of steel is determined by market forces. The import duty on steel has progressively been brought down from 25-30% during 2002-03 to 5% in 2006-07. A detailed review of tariff structure is done at the time of formulation of budget proposals.