

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total capacity of steel production in the country and the State-wise volume of steel being produced at present;
- (b) whether among all the Steel companies in the country only Steel Authority of India Ltd. and Tata have captive mines of iron-ore;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the volume of steel imported by the Government keeping in view the demand for it ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) Based on the provisional data for 2007-08, capacity of crude steel production in the country has been assessed to be 59.55 million tonnes. The State-wise production of crude steel in the country during the year 2007-08 is given in Annexure.
- (b) Apart from Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) and Tata Steel, some other steel companies also have captive iron ore mines.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) The Indian steel industry has been de-regulated in 1991-92. As a result, import of steel has been brought under the Open General License (OGL), canalization of steel has been stopped. Therefore, the government no longer imports steel and currently imports can be undertaken freely by all Indian citizens or corporate bodies etc. The following table shows the import of total finished steel in the country during the last three years and April-September 2008-09:-

Year	Import of Total Finished Steel (alloy + non-alloy)	(mt)
2005-06	4.31	
2006-07	4.93	
2007-08	6.92	
April-Sept. 2008-09	3.08	

Source: Joint Plant Committee; =provisional