

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

- (a) whether the major steel companies in the country have cut down production due to a steep decline in demand and the global economic slow down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the plant-wise production, both in the public and private sectors, during September, October and November, 2008 and its comparison with the same period during the last year;
- (d) whether certain steel plants have cut off jobs also due to the above said reasons; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): As per the available production figures of crude steel in respect of major steel companies in the country, both in public and private sectors, for the months of September, October and November, 2008 given in the table at Annexure-I, there is a small increase in production in the month of October, 2008 in comparison to the production in the month of September, 2008. However, there is a decline of 11.3% in the production by both public sector steel companies namely Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) and an increase of 23% in the production of Tata Steel Ltd. (TSL) in the month of November, 2008 in comparison to their production in the month of October, 2008.

As per the production figures of crude steel in respect of major steel companies for the period from April to November, 2008 (including estimated figures for the month of November, 2008 in respect of ESSAR, ISPAT and JSWL) and for the corresponding period of the year 2007-08 given in the table at Annexure-II, there is a marginal decline of 1.8% in the production by major public sector companies namely SAIL and RINL and there is an increase of 8.5% in the production by major private sector steel companies namely, TSL, ESSAR, ISPAT, JSWL in the year 2008-09.

(c) The available production figures of crude steel in respect of major steel companies, both in public and private sector, for the months of September, October and November, 2008 and their comparison with the corresponding months of the last year is given in the table at Annexure I.

(d)&(e): There are no job cuts by both the major public sector steel companies namely SAIL & RINL. The data regarding job cuts in the private sector is not maintained by this Ministry.