

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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FORUM FOR STEEL SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there exists any formal forum for pro-active engagement between Government and prospective investors in steel sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the current mechanism to address the concerns of the steel industry?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): There is no formal forum for pro-active engagement between Government and prospective investors in steel Sector. However, Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to monitor and coordinate issues concerning major steel investments in the country.

The IMG consists of following members:-

- i. Secretary, Ministry of Steel      Chairman
  
- ii. Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion Member
  
- iii. Member(Traffic), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways Member
  
- iv. Secretary, Department of Shipping      Member
  
- v. Secretary, Department of Road Transport & Highways Member
  
- vi. Secretary, Ministry of Mines      Member
  
- vii. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest      Member
  
- viii. Chief Secretary of concerned State Governments      Member

ix. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel Convener

Any other Ministry/State Govt. may be requested to participate as and when considered necessary.

Further, the terms of reference (ToR) of the IMG are: -

To review and coordinate measures for early completion of the major steel capacities and to address various problems concerning:-

(i) Infrastructure constraints related to ports, rail, road network.

(ii) Availability of iron ore and coal.

(iii) Speedy environmental clearance for project site as well as for iron ore and coal mining activities.

(iv) Availability of land, water resources and issues concerning rehabilitation.

(v) Any other item concerned with the major steel investments in the country.