

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government is unlikely to achieve the desired target of annual steel production of 124 million tonnes by 2011-12 due to slow progress in execution of big projects of different companies; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a)&(b): During the year 2008, based on the progress achieved by the steel investment projects and based on the projections furnished by the companies, the steel production capacity of India was projected as 124 million tonnes. However, on account of factors such as, global economic slowdown in later part of 2008, delay in land acquisition, allocation of raw material resources, law and order problems etc; there has been some delay in the progress of certain projects. A meeting with major private sector steel producers will be held shortly in the Ministry of Steel, to review the current status of major private sector projects. Therefore, the revised projection, on year-wise basis, will be furnished by the Ministry of Steel after a fresh review and further assessment.