

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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REQUIREMENT OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the metric tonne requirement of steel in the country as against the metric tonne production of steel at present;
- (b) the number of steel manufacturing companies at present; and
- (c) the number of proposals pending with the Government for setting up of new steel plants in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the provisional data on total finished steel for the year 2009-10 compiled by the Joint Plant Committee, the production of finished steel is 59.58 million tonnes while domestic requirements, as reflected in domestic consumption, is 56.32 million tonnes.
- (b) The state-wise distribution of Main and Major Steel Producers plants is given in Annexure-I. In addition to these plants, there are also several units (processors, re-rollers) in the small-to-medium segment. Details on state-wise number of such plants are given in Annexure-II.
- (c) As per New Industrial Policy announced in July 1991, steel industry has been de-licensed and removed from the list of industries reserved for the public sector subject to certain locational restrictions. No Industrial license is, therefore, required for setting up steel plants under the Industrial (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 and the entrepreneurs are free to set up such plants anywhere in the country except in the restricted locations based on their commercial judgement. Therefore, Government of India has no direct role in establishment of new steel plants.