

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4444  
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DECLINE IN EXPORT OF STEEL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the export of steel declined by 36.1 per cent and remained at 20.9 lakh tonnes during April to December, 2009; and

(a) if so, the steps taken by the Government to give impetus to export of steel?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Export of finished steel (alloy + non-alloy) has declined by 36.1% during April to December 2009.

(b) Exports are based on commercial decisions of the individual producers/traders based on the opportunities available on the international market. The Government, however, supports the industry on a continuous basis with World Trade Organization (WTO) compatible schemes in order to create a level playing field for the industry. Some of the major fiscal steps to help the industry in export of steel are -

(i) Export duty on all steel products is 'NIL'; and

(ii) Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) Scheme is extended to some of the steel products.