

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN PRICES OF FORGING QUALITY STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has increased the prices of forging quality steel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the forging steel producing companies are becoming sick due to increase in the prices by RINL;
- (d) if so, whether the Association of Indian Forging Industry has demanded the Government to roll back the increase in prices due to the negative impact of the price rise;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps to protect the forging steel industry in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Based on commercial consideration, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) has increased the prices ranging from Rs.90/- to 545/- per tonne with effect from 1.4.2010 of different grades of saleable steel of which some are supplied to forging industries.

(c)to(f): RINL is contributing only 3 million tonnes out of the total steel production of 59.58 million tonnes per annum of the country. There are no reasons for the forging steel industries to fall sick due to marginal price increase by RINL.