

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:372

ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010

IMG FOR STEEL UNITS

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has formed an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to sort out contentious issues being faced by the steel industry by facilitating interaction between the investors and the agencies involved;
- (b) if so, the number of such issues settled by the IMG so far since its inception and the extent to which it has been able to sort out issues facing the steel units; and
- (c) the extent to which it has helped to trigger the investment in steel sector?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 372 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/08/2010, TABLED BY SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE AND SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASMA RAO, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING IMG FOR STEEL UNITS

- (a) In order to monitor and coordinate various issues, concerning major steel investments in the country, an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted in July 2007 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel), represented by other Ministries / Departments of the Central Government such as Industrial Policy & Promotion, Railways, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Mines, Environment & Forests, as well as the Chief Secretaries of the concerned State Governments.
- (b) Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) on steel sector is a forum to coordinate, monitor and review issues affecting steel sector investment and has no powers to accord decisions on any matter. The individual issues raised during the Inter Ministerial Group meetings are further dealt by the concerned Ministries/Departments and State Governments in accordance with the provision of the extant rules and policies.
- (c) It is not possible to find direct causal relationship between the discussions in the Inter Ministerial Group meetings and the actual investment in steel sector. However, since the constitution of Inter Ministerial Group in 2007, the crude steel production capacity in the country has gone up from 56.84 million tonnes to 72.76 million tonnes, at present.