

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has convened a meeting of all major primary and secondary steel producers to preclude abnormal increase in the prices of steel;
- (b) if so, the outcome of this meeting;
- (c) the total quantity of steel produced in the country during 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (d) whether the Government is following a deliberate policy of eradicating small producers of steel in favour of consolidation of mega producers of steel;and
- (e) if so, the steps proposed to review this policy of favouring the giant steel companies?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): A meeting was held on 22.4.2010 in the Ministry of Steel with major steel producers to discuss the production, demand and price situation in steel. The major producers stated that the prices of various steel products had gone up on account of higher input cost of raw materials and sudden demand picking up in the international steel market. However, the steel prices of various products have recently come down in July 2010, in comparison with the prevailing prices in March-April 2010, by 4-13%.

(c) Data on crude steel production in the country during 2008-09 and 2009-10 is given in the table below:-

(million tonnes)

Year	Quantity
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2008-09	58.44
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2009-10	64.88
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Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); `Provisional

(d)&(e): No, Madam. The National Steel Policy announced in the year 2005 envisages the overall growth of integrated steel producers as well as secondary processors, providing level playing field for all the steel producers.