

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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INVESTMENT IN STEEL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the slow down in investment coming in the steel sector has forced the Government to push back to achieve 2012-13 target of 124 metric tonnes a year domestic steel production capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the investment being now picked up and industry has come out of recession; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): During the year 2008, based on the progress achieved by the steel investment projects and based on the projections furnished by the companies, the steel production capacity of India was projected as 124 million tonnes. However, on account of factor such as, global economic slowdown in later part of 2008, delay in land acquisition, allocation of raw material resources, law and order problems etc., there has been some delay in the progress of certain projects. Hence the revised project by December, 2012, steel installed capacity in the country is likely to be around 120 million tonnes. The details of foreign and major private sector companies intending to set up integrated steel plants in the country are enclosed at Annexure.