

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4830  
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IMPOSITION OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON STEEL  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rates of duty on import of steel prevailing in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether any change is being considered in the near future; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): The rates of basic customs duty applicable to different categories of steel items during the last three financial years are indicated below:

S.No.	Categories of steel items	Rate of customs duty		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Steel items i.e. ferro-alloys, flat rolled products (hot rolled & cold rolled), bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections of stainless steel/other alloy steel, and wire of other alloy steel.	5%	5%	5%
2.	Tubes & pipes	10%	10%	10%
3.	Seconds and defectives of iron and steel	10%	10%	10%
4.	Melting scrap of iron and steel	5%	Nil	Nil
5.	Melting scrap of Stainless steel	5%	5%	5%

During the year 2008-09, the basic duty on S.No. 1 was reduced to 'Nil' in April to contain inflationary pressures, but was restored to 5% in November.

- (b): At present there is no such proposal under consideration.
- (c): Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.