

**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) the number of times when the prices of steel increased in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to control the prices of steel;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to make a permanent policy in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Steel is a deregulated sector of the economy and the prices of various steel products are decided by producers, sellers and other market operators, depending upon various complex but inter-related factors such as the costs of production and transportation, demand-supply scenario and international price of similar products. These prices fluctuate randomly and may vary widely between producers and distributors.

Quarter-wise indicative prices of some of the important steel products in Delhi Market during the last three years and the current year are given below:-

Retail Price at Delhi on Quarterly Basis

Rs./Tonne

Month    TMT    HR Coils    CR Coils    GP Sheets

April 2007    31200    37450    39525    41000

July 2007    32000    35000    38500    40000

October 2007    30250    33750    36750    39000

January 2008    35000    35000    38000    42500

April 2008    47700    48450    52000    55000

July 2008 44263 44442 49345 56334

October 2008 40253 43204 47119 50673

January 2009 36448 34663 38004 38786

April 2009 34122 33608 35828 39328

July 2009 33939 34459 36848 40588

October 2009 32328 35503 39614 41888

January 2010 34570 35690 40250 43270

April 2010 40890 45550 47580 52580

July 2010 36260 43410 45780 46350

October 2010 37240 45090 47260 48750

(Source: Economic Research Unit/Joint Plant Committee)

Note: (i) Prices are inclusive of Excise Duty and Sales Tax.  
(ii) All prices are indicative.

(b)to(d): The price of steel is not decided by the Government, as the sector is deregulated. However, in order to maintain a steady balance between the demand and availability of steel in the market, Government initiates fiscal measures from time to time. The current fiscal measures are as under:-

- (i) Import duty on all steel products is 5%.
- (ii) There is no export duty on export of steel products.
- (iii) Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) is applicable on steel sector.
- (iv) Central Excise Duty on steel items is 10%.

(v) There is an export duty of 15% on export of iron ore lumps and 5% on export of iron ore fines.