

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOURERS IN FOUNDRY INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundry industries are facing shortage of skilled labourers; and

(b) if so, the average annual turnover of the foundry industry during the last three years and the current year and the steps taken by the Government for protection of foundry industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(a)&(b): The subject does not come under the Allocation of Business for Ministry of Steel. However, Ministry of Steel has collected information from Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) and the Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF). IIF has informed that the foundry industry is facing acute shortage of skilled & trained manpower which is likely to worsen as the demand of castings is likely to go up. There is need to have more training facilities specially near the foundry clusters.

Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has provided the Estimated Production Trends of castings in India as stated below:-

Estimated Production Trends of Castings in India

	2007-08 (in Million Tonnes)	Estimated 2008-09 turnover (in Million in crore Tonnes)	Estimated 2009-10 turnover (in Million in crore Tonnes)	Estimated turnover in crore
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Grey C.I.	5.332	4.532	5.05	
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SG Iron	0.802	0.785	0.8	
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Malle -able	0.0651	0.0605	0.0602	
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Steel	0.964	0.916	0.88	
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Non -ferrous	0.608	0.547	0.653	
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Total	7.7711	39,000#	6.8405	33,000##	7.4432	44,000
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Note: # effect of price variation taken into account ## Turnover affected due to recession
Source: The Institute of Indian Foundrymen

Foundry industry is the key feeder to all engineering sectors including auto, auto components, railways, power, cement, textile machinery, sanitary castings, earthmoving machinery etc. Protection pertains primarily to import tariff & non-tariff barriers.