

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT AND IMPORT OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the share of domestic production of iron ore and consumption of steel in the country is declining whereas the share of import has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the net production of iron ore and per capita consumption of steel in the country during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any futuristic corporate plan for the steel sector;
- (d) if so, the estimated demand and supply projections separately both by public and private sectors;
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the projected demands; and
- (f) whether there is any proposal to increase the customs duty to reduce the share of import in consumption of steel and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) The details of production of iron ore and per capita consumption of steel in the country during 2007-08 to 2010-11 are given below:

Year Production of Iron Ore Per capita consumption
(In million tonnes)@ of steel (In kg.)#

2007-08	213.25	46
2008-09	212.96	45
2009-10	218.64	51
2010-11	NA	55

@ Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Ministry of Mines

Source: Joint Plant Committee, Ministry of Steel

(c)to(e): Ministry of Steel has formulated National Steel Policy, 2005. However, in view of recent rapid growth in G.D.P. and consumption of steel, Four Task Force Committees have been constituted by Ministry of Steel under the chairmanship of eminent experts to study, analyze, consult and formulate draft policy documents in the subject areas related to steel sector such as (i) economic projections on capacity, production and consumption (ii) technology, environment and manpower (iii) raw material resourcing and (iv) infrastructure and facilitation. The projections on supply and demand for future will be worked out by the Task Force Committees.

(f) There is no proposal in the Ministry of Steel to increase the customs duty on steel.