

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF CRUDE STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total requirement of crude steel in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) total amount of crude Steel imported during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) total amount of crude steel that was domestically produced during the said period;
- (d) the likely impact of the Hon`ble Supreme Court`s order to suspend iron ore mining in Bellary district of Karnataka on India`s domestic production of crude steel and in terms of job losses;
- (e) with the current suspension of iron ore mining in Bellary District and the estimated crude steel that India is expected to import to meet its requirements; and
- (f) its effect on the country`s current crude steel import bill?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): Data on production, import, export and consumption of crude steel in India during the last three years, year-wise, is given below:-

Crude Steel (Million tonnes)

Item 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11#

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|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 58.44 | 65.84 | 69.57 |
| Import (Semis) | 0.60 | 0.44 | 0.34 |
| Export (Semis) | 0.75 | 0.63 | 0.35 |
| Consumption | 58.33 | 65.61 | 69.59 |

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC) # Provisional

(d) Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 29th July, 2011 had directed to suspend all mining operations in Bellary District of Karnataka. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 5th August, 2011 has allowed NMDC Ltd. a public sector undertaking, to operate its iron ore mines in Bellary District to the extent of one Million Tonne per month commencing from 6th August, 2011 till further order. The suspension of mining operations in remaining iron ore mines of Bellary District may affect production of crude steel to some extent of steel industry located in Karnataka and neighbouring areas which were sourcing iron ore mainly from mines located in the State of Karnataka including Bellary District.

(e)&(f): Crude steel import will depend on the domestic demand and production in future.