

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY OF STEEL PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the steel plants in the country have exceeded their rated capacity during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some steel plants are facing problems relating to storage and liquidation of the finished goods;
- (d) if so, the quantum of finished goods produced and released from each plant during the said period; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Union Government to help these steel plants for storage and liquidation of the finished goods?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): As per the data compiled by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) on capacity utilization (Crude Steel) for the three Main producers namely Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.(RINL) in public sector and Tata Steel Ltd. Steel in private sector as given below, the plants of all the three Main steel producers have been operating at more than 100% of their capacity during the last three years:-

Capacity utilization levels of crude steel production (%)

2006-07    2007-08    2008-09#

SAIL	105	109	104
RINL	120	108	113
Tata Steel	103	100	102

Source: Joint Plant Committee    #= Provisional

However, as per the data compiled by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) on capacity utilization of all the steel plants in the country (Main, Major and Other Producers put together) for the last three years as given below, the steel industry as a whole has been operating less than its capacity:-

Year    Capacity Utilization(%)

2006-07	89
2007-08	90
2008-09#	83

Source: JPC; #S=provisional

(c)to(e): No steel producer has reported about any problem relating to storage and liquidation of finished goods to the Government as yet.