

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EMPLOYMENT IN STEEL SECTOR

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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a constant increase in the production of steel in the country;
- (b) if so, whether employment opportunities in the public sector steel companies are also increasing in the same ratio;
- (c) the comparative details of production in various steel plants vis a vis direct employment generated during the last three years;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to further boost the employment opportunities in steel sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the targets fixed in this regard, if any?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) There has been a significant increase in production of steel during the last few years. The data on production of crude steel in the country during the last five years is as under:

Year	Crude steel production (in million tonnes)	Quantity	Growth rate over last year (%)
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2006-07	50.81	9.4
2007-08	53.86	5.9
2008-09	58.44	8.5
2009-10	65.84	12.7
2010-11#	69.57	5.7

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); =Provisional

(b) There is no direct correlation between increase in employment and the increase in production of steel. It is not necessary that the employment should increase in the same ratio with the increase in production due to technological developments, automation, process improvement & best practices and the need to progressively reduce manpower per million tonne of steel production which made it possible to achieve higher production targets with less manpower.

(c) The details of production of crude steel in the public sector undertakings and direct employment generated / recruitment made during the last three years are as under:-

Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)

Year	Production No. of (in million tonnes)	Recruitment
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2008-2009	13.41	1288
2009-2010	13.51	1788
2010-2011	13.76	1575

Source: SAIL

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)

Year    Production    Manpower as  
         (in million    on 31st March  
         tonnes)

2008-2009	3.145	17,225
2009-2010	3.399	17,830
2010-2011	3.424	17,829

Source: RINL

(d)&(e): In today's de-regulated, open market economy, the role of Government is that of a facilitator and in that capacity, it promotes/encourages growth of steel industry through suitable policy measures. Both the existing public sector steel companies namely SAIL and RINL are in the process of expanding their crude steel capacities thereby creating employment opportunities for unemployed youths.

Another public sector company, namely NMDC Ltd., is setting up a 3 million tonnes per annum integrated steel plant at Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh which is likely to generate additional employment opportunities.