

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT DUTY ON IRON ORE  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India is the second largest steel producer in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the export duty on iron ore has been hiked to control and curb exports of iron ore;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether despite this hike in export duty on iron ore, the steel prices are ever increasing in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): According to global rankings released by the World Steel Association (WSA), India was the 4th largest crude steel producer in the world in 2010, 2011 as also during January – September 2012. The details of global rankings of producers in terms of crude steel production during January – September 2012 is given below:-

Top 10 World Crude Steel Producers: January-September 2012

Rank Country Qty (mt) % change over Jan-Sept. 2011

1	China	542.3	1.7
2	Japan	81.3	0.4
3	United States	68.1	5.3
4	India	57.1	4.8
5	Russia	53.7	4.3
6	South Korea	52.1	3.0
7	Germany	32.4	-5.0
8	Turkey	27.1	8.4
9	Brazil	26.0	-3.0
10	Ukraine	25.10	-5.3

Top 10 965.2 1.8

World 1149.4 0.6

Source: WSA, JPC; provisional  
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(c)&(d): To discourage export of iron ore and to improve availability of iron ore to domestic iron and steel industry at affordable price, the Government has increased the export duty on iron ore from 20% ad valorem to 30% ad valorem on all grades of iron ore (except pellets) with effect from 30-12-2011.

(e)&(f): Steel is in a deregulated sector in the country and domestic prices of steel are decided by the individual producers based on market conditions including demand supply scenario, international price trend, cost of raw materials and inputs etc. It is, however, mentioned that the steel prices have shown a downward trend during the present financial year as shown in the table below:-

JPC INDICATIVE MARKET PRICE - DELHI

	Rs. Per tonne		
	TOR / TMT / CTD 10 mm HR	Coils 2.00 mm CR	Coils 0.63 mm
April - 12	51580	49070	54100
May - 12	49620	49070	53580
June - 12	50280	49050	53580
July - 12	50000	49050	53180
Aug - 12	49650	48800	52500
Sept - 12	49580	48840	52780
Oct - 12	49580	48770	52580

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