

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN STEEL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employment opportunities are shrinking in the steel sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total employment opportunity generated in the steel sector during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to generate more employment opportunities in the steel sector; and
- (e) the success achieved by the Government in its effort thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(e) Steel is a deregulated sector. As per available information, production capacity of crude steel is gradually increasing and the same has increased from 51.17 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) in 2005-06 to 89.29 mtpa in 2011-12 resulting generally in increase in number of employment opportunities. As number of steel factories/plants in the country is quite large, the details about increasing employment opportunities in private sector are not maintained in the Ministry of Steel.

As regards public sector, massive modernisation and expansion plans have already been launched in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) for increasing the steel making capacity from 12.4 million tonnes to 20.2 million tonnes and from 3.0 million tonnes to 6.3 million tonnes per annum respectively. These plans envisage several new facilities involving latest technology resulting in demand of additional technical and skilled manpower. Details of direct employment generated (recruitment) in SAIL and RINL during each of the last three years are as under:-

Name of PSU	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
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SAIL	1575	2173	3601
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RINL	662	497	405
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For encouraging value addition and growth of steel sector, Government has increased export duty on iron ore from 20% to 30%. Similarly, export duty on chrome ore has been raised from Rs.3000/ t to 30% ad valorem and import duty on flat steel has been increased from 5% to 7.5%. Besides modernisation and expansion of existing plants of SAIL and RINL, NMDC Limited is setting up a 3 million tonne per annum (mtpa) green field Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar, District - Bastar, Chhattisgarh State. All such measures would lead to generation of employment in the steel sector.