

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN PRICES OF STEEL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to reduce the prices of steel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reduction in prices per tonne of flat steel products by the Public Sector Undertakings, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)?

**Answer**

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

(a) Steel sector in the country is deregulated and Government does not control or determine the prices of steel products in the market. The price of steel is determined by the market, depending upon the demand-supply scenario, input cost of materials and the international price movement of steel products.

(b)&(c): Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(d) In case of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) there has been no reduction in the listed prices of flat steel products during the current financial year. However, in view of falling market prices of flat products at different locations selling prices have been reduced by offering discounts ranging between 4-5 percent in November'09 to match market prices.

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited does not manufacture any flat steel product.