

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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STEEL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a marked decrease in the production of the steel following stoppage or a partial stand still in extractions of iron ore and manganese in some States including Karnataka and Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of steel produced during the last three years and the current year along with its impact thereon on various industries; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above. The quantum of crude steel produced during last 3 years is as follows:

Year / Period	Qty. (in Million Tonnes)
2010-11	70.67
2011-12	74.29
2012-13	78.31

Source JPC
Provisional

In the first quarter of the current year, the crude steel production is 19.61 Million Tonnes.

(c) Steel is a deregulated sector, the role of the Government is that of a facilitator providing a conducive policy environment. However, the Government has taken the following steps to support the competitive production and capacity growth of the steel industry:

(i) The Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) namely Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) & NMDC Ltd., are in the process of implementing significant expansion in the crude / finished steel capacities in their respective brownfield / greenfield locations.

(ii) An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been set up by the Government for effective coordination and to expedite implementation of various investment projects in the steel sector.

(iii) Import of critical raw materials for steel industry such as coking coal, non-coking coal, scrap etc. are subject to zero or very low levels of customs duty.

(iv) To encourage domestic value addition and improve domestic iron ore availability, duty on export of iron ore has been increased to 30 per cent.

(v) The Ministry of Steel routinely consults the industry to be apprised of the constraints to growth and recommends necessary corrective measures as and when necessary, to other concerned ministries.