

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3508  
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SHORTAGE OF STEEL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the country is facing acute shortage of steel;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the international and domestic price of steel during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of steel?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. There is no shortage of steel in the country; as the domestic steel requirement are met both through domestic steel production as well as through imports from other countries. Provisional data for April-November 2009 also indicates that domestic availability of total finished steel (alloy + non-alloy) was at 41.37 million tonnes which is an increase of 7.1% as compared to same period of last year.

(c) The quarterly trend in indicative steel prices in respect of domestic and international market for two representative categories of steel, Hot Rolled Coil (Flat category) and TMT/Rebar (Long category) is given in Annexure.

(d) The Government is facilitating setting up of new steel production capacities in the country. The public sector units under Ministry of Steel, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) have already undertaking major capacity expansion plans. SAIL has planned to increase its present capacity from 13.82 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of crude steel to 23.46 mtpa by the year 2012-13. Similarly, RINL is also undertaking its liquid steel capacity from 3.0 mtpa to 6.3 mtpa by the year 2011-12.

There are also similar capacity expansion projects by the private sector, for which Government is providing all facilitation for timely completion of the projects.