

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION OF STEEL .

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the consumption of steel in the country has increased over the years and if so, the details of the total demand, production, consumption and import of steel along with their percentage increase during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether the steel industry particularly small and medium scale plants are suffering due to insufficient supply of raw material particularly iron ore and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the small and medium scale plants are also suffering due to increase in the cost of raw material at e-auctions and are on the verge of closing down and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the duty on import of steel and export of iron ore and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to control the illegal export of iron ore and ensure adequate supply of raw material including iron ore to the domestic steel industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.