

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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FUEL SUPPLY TO STEEL COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the task force constituted by the Government has alerted that reduction in gas and coal supply to steel companies has badly affected production of these companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the problems being faced by the steel sector in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate gas and coal to all steel companies to ensure their full capacity utilisation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)to(d): The Government is aware about the problem of assured supply of fuels like gas and coal to steel companies. The prevailing situation is due to negative coal balance reported by the Coal India Ltd. and the scarcity of domestically produced gas.

However, steel is a deregulated sector and raw materials including gas and coal may be sourced by the Project Proponents from the market including import, if not available domestically.