

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.311
FOR ANSWER ON 18/12/2017**

PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE AND STEEL

311. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total quantum of iron ore and steel produced and imported along with the per capita consumption of steel in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the estimated demand and supply projections of iron ore and steel separately for the public and private sectors during the next three years;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the projected demands;
- (d) whether the import of iron ore has increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the steel prices in the country are higher as compared to the other major steel producing countries and if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) The details are as under:-

Year	Iron ore Production (mt)	Import of Iron Ore (mt)	Finished Steel Production (mt)	Import of finished steel (mt)	Per capita Consumption of steel (Kg)
2014-15	128.91	12.09	92.16	9.32	61
2015-16	155.59	7.09	90.98	11.71	64
2016-17	192.18*	4.60	101.81	7.23	65
2017-18	93.75*#	2.82*	61.26*@	4.92*@	---

(Source: Production of iron ore – IBM, Import of iron ore – DGFT/Deptt. of Commerce, Production & Import of finished steel – JPC, * Provisional, # April-September 2017-18, @ April-October 2017-18, mt - Million Tonnes)

(b) Steel being deregulated sector, demand and supply projections of iron ore and steel separately for the public and private sectors are not maintained. However, overall projections on iron ore requirement, domestic steel demand /production have been made for long term (2030-31) in the National Steel Policy, 2017 as follows:-

Year	Iron ore Requirement (mt)	Total finished steel demand/production (mt)
2030-31	437	230

(c) The Government has amended the Mines and Mineral Development & Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2015 and the Coal Mines (Special Provision) Act, 2015 and introduced the National Steel Policy, 2017 which seek to address concerns on issues related to raw materials and finished steel.

(d) Data on import of iron ore indicates declining trend. The details of import of iron ore are as under:-

Year	iron ore imports (mt)
2014-15	12.09
2015-16	7.09
2016-17*	4.60
April-Sept. 2017*	2.82
Source: DGFT/Deptt. of Commerce; *provisional	

(e) In a deregulated steel sector, the role of Government is limited to that of a facilitator for creating a conducive environment for the growth of steel industry in the country. Production, sale, fixation of price on various steel items etc. are the sole decision of individual steel producers depending on various commercial considerations including market dynamics. However, data on prices of imported Steel (Landed Cost) and domestic market price (Delhi market) of items of finished steel are as follows which indicates that domestic prices of Steel items are lower than prices of imported steel (Landed cost):-

Year 2016-17	Items (Rs./t)	
	(a) Landed Cost	(b) Retail market price (Delhi market)
TMT 10 mm	35830	35237
HRC 2.0 mm	39577	38825
GP Sheets 0.63 mm	52356	48950

Source: JPC
