

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2794**  
FOR ANSWER ON 17/12/2014

**NEW STEEL POLICY**

2794. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning for a new Steel Policy;
- (b) how the proposed policy is different from the existing one;
- (c) how the new policy protect the domestic steel makers;
- (d) the production of steel and the domestic demand thereof;
- (e) what are the reasons that there is a demand-supply gap and Ministry is importing steel to meet the same; and
- (f) to what extent Hudhud Super Cyclone impacted steel production at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited at Visakhapatnam?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. The new National Steel Policy is still in draft stage and has not been finalized so far. Therefore, no details can be given at this stage.

(d) The details relating production and the domestic demand of steel, for the last five years, are as under:-

<b>Production, Import and Export of Finished Steel in 000' Tonnes</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Production for Sale</b>	<b>Import</b>	<b>Export</b>	<b>Net Imports</b>	<b>Real Consumption/ Demand</b>
2009 - 10	60624	7382	3251	4131	59339
2010 - 11	68620	6664	3637	3027	66421
2011 - 12	75697	6863	4588	2275	71021
2012 - 13	81681	7925	5368	2557	73482
2013-14(R)	87675	5450	5985	-535	74096

JPC : Annual Statistics various years

(e) Steel is a deregulated sector and hence, decision regarding import of steel is not taken by the Ministry of Steel. This is decided by the market.

The reasons for import of steel in the country are many and some important ones are:-

- Non-availability of certain grades of steel in the country due to quality consideration / non capacity.
- Unwillingness of steel plants to put up certain facilities when domestic demand for a grade is low even though the companies are technically capable of producing the same.
- Lower prices in the international markets also induce imports.

(f) The impact on steel production of RINL at Visakhapatnam is estimated to be around 2.5 lakh tonnes.

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