

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether OMDC as per the guidelines of State Government is going to set up a mini steel plant at Keonjhar in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) The task for preparation of the restructuring proposal of the companies under the Bird Group of Companies under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel, which include *inter-alia* Orissa Minerals Development Company (OMDC) and Bisra Stone Lime Company (BSLC), was given to IFCI Ltd. The Report of IFCI Ltd. has been received and has recommended *inter-alia* making the Companies under the Bird Group of Companies including OMDC and BSLC, Government Companies and also to make them subsidiary units of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL). However, in the proposed restructuring alternatives, there is no proposal to merge OMDC and BSLC with Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL).

(c) There is no proposal of OMDC, at present, to set up mini steel plant at Keonjhar, Orissa.

#### **Economic pressure on steel industries**

†2165. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 66 countries of the world are producing steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is amongst those countries where production of steel has increased during October 2007 to October, 2008;

(d) if so, the number of countries where production of steel has increased and the number of countries where production of steel has decreased during above period; and

(e) the reasons for economic pressure on the steel producing industries in the country despite decrease in the production of steel at international level and the increase in the production of steel in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) The World Steel Association, formerly known as International Iron & Steel Institute (IISI), reports on 66 steel producing countries of the world which account for nearly 98% of the total world steel production. However, for October, 2008, details in respect of 65 countries have been reported. A table containing names of reporting countries and the data on crude steel produced by them during the month of October, 2008 published by World Steel Association is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the data published by World Steel Association, world crude steel production for the month of October 2008 has increased in 18 countries and declined in 45 countries while there is no change in the remaining two countries as compared to October 2007.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) A financial crisis in the developed bloc, which has adversely affected demand globally, has put economic pressure on steel producing industries globally, leading to announcements of production cuts. With the meltdown in the international economies, India cannot remain untouched and some pressure on the economy, particularly on manufacturing, construction, auto industry, consumer goods etc. is felt which in turn slowed down the growth momentum of steel sector as well even though the output is positive.

In India also, there is a decline in the total quantity of steel produced during the month of November, 2008 in comparison to October, 2008 as well as the corresponding month of the previous year as indicated below, due to sluggish demand of steel on account of present global economic turmoil:-

*Production of crude steel (in thousand tonnes)*

November 2008	October 2008	November 2007
4392#	4855#	4501

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

# Estimated

**Statement**

*Crude steel production - October 2008*

*Monthly crude steel production in the 66 countries included in the report, in thousands of metric tons*

	October 2008	September 2008	October 2007	% Change Oct 08/07	10 months 2008	% Change
	1	2	3	4	5	7
Austria	670 e	649	673	-0.5	6602	6343 4.1
Belgium	900 e	874	941	-4.4	838	854 1.1
Bulgaria	130 e	125	159	-18.2	12341	678 -26.5
Czech Republic	404	544	557	-27.5	5661	5877 -3.7
Finland	401	370	340	18.1	3924	3712 5.7
France	1639	1507 r	1411	16.1	16207	16467 -1.6
Germany	3877	4050 r	4199	-7.7	40111	40774 -1.6
Greece	225 e	218	241	-6.6	21782	191 -0.6
Hungary	198	198	201	-1.7	1914	1862 2.8
Italy	2555	2517 r	2910	-12.2	26384	26424 -0.2
Luxembourg	220 e	211	266	-17.2	2477	2395 3.4
Netherlands	530	619	619	-14.4	6199	6143 0.9
Poland	850 e	821	859	-1.1	8995	8984 0.1
Romania	480 e	466	512	-11.5	4714	5279 -10.7

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Slovakia	250	301	331	-24.5	4024	4238	-5.0
Slovenia	63	57	41	52.6	575	530	8.4
Spain	1875 e	1815 e	1773	5.8	17423	16012	8.8
Sweden	428	450	513	-16.4	4555	4686	-2.8
United Kingdom	967	1216 r	1110	-12.9	12012	11996	0.1
Other E.U. (27) (e)	166 e	160 e	166	0.0	1624	1624	0.0
European Union (27)	16829	17168	17853	-5.7	176651	176069	0.3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	63	42	57	10.1	524	481	9.1
Croatia	10 e	10	6	64.3	82	65	27.2
Macedonia	25 e	25 e	30	-16.5	219	296	-26.1
Norway	55	51	67	-17.9	467	580	-19.5
Serbia	64	107	75	-14.0	1509	1283	17.7
Switzerland	79	128	96	-17.9	1158	1080	7.2
Turkey	1816	2166	2211	-17.8	23246	21500	8.1
Other European	2112	2529	2541	-16.9	27206	25285	7.6
Byelorussia	216 e	224	191	13.1	2210	2070	6.8
Kazakhstan	360	390	395	-8.9	3887	3969	-2.1
Moldova	77	59	62	24.2	798	808	-1.2
Russia	4514	6098	6188	-27.1	61469	60210	2.1
Ukraine	1861	2482	3627	-48.7	33479	35569	-5.9
Uzbekistan	59	58	55	7.3	574	552	4.0
C.I.S (6)	7087	9311	10518	-32.6	102417	103178	-0.7
Canada	1460 e	1410	1333	9.5	14070	13018	8.1
Cuba	25 e	25 e	27	-8.8	233	217	7.0
El Salvador	6 e	6 e	6	-4.8	66	61	8.1
Guatemala	40 e	38	37	7.0	232	293	-20.9
Mexico	1400 e	1349 r	1581	-11.4	15523	14459	7.4
Trinidad and Tobago	45 e	45	55	-18.5	454	560	-18.9
United States	7056	7842 r	8484	-16.8	83030	81532	1.8
North America	10032	10715	11524	-12.9	113607	110140	3.1
Argentina	481	488	497	-3.4	4884	4407	10.8

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Brazil	2897	3010	2899	-0.1	29724	27901	6.5
Chile	135 e	130 e	152	-10.9	1422	1402	1.5
Colombia	100 e	95 e	103	-3.1	948	1051	-9.8
Ecuador	7 e	7 e	6	18.6	71	73	-2.5
Paraguay	7 e	6	8	-10.3	70	81	-13.5
Peru	105 e	100 e	87	21.0	975	689	41.6
Uruguay	7 e	7 e	7	-5.4	69	60	14.9
Venezuela	425 e	410 e	441	-3.5	3728	4152	-10.2
South America	4164	4253	4199	-0.8	41890	39814	5.2
Algeria	60 e	15 e	121	-50.2	591	1068	-44.6
Egypt	477	531	509	-6.2	5430	5162	5.2
Libya	110 e	105 e	91	21.3	1078	1038	3.8
Morocco	40 e	40 e	40	0.7	458	435	5.4
South Africa	645 e	767 e	780	-17.4	7612	7615	0.0
Zimbabwe	0 e	0 e	1		0	21	
Africa	1332	1458	1541	-13.6	15169	15339	-1.1
Iran	799	832	847	-5.7	8163	8299	-1.6
Qatar	130	130 e	102	26.8	1182	911	29.8
Saudi Arabia	415	425	453	-8.4	4118	3764	9.4
Middle East	1343	1387	1402	-4.2	13464	12973	3.8
China	35901	39614	43237	-17.0	427288	411264	3.9
India	4805	4630	4631	3.8	45913	43791	4.8
Japan	10097	10086 r	10378	-2.7	102441	99704	2.7
South Korea	4585	4556 r	4328	5.9	45889	42540	7.9
Taiwan, China	1540 e	1490 e	1807	-14.8	17029	17191	-0.9
Asia	56928	60376	64381	-11.6	638559	614490	3.9
Australia	630 e	655	666	-5.4	6619	6629	-0.2
New Zealand	55	67	77	-28.0	657	699	-6.0
Oceania	685	723	743	-7.8	7276	7328	-0.7
Total 66 Countries	100513	107919	114703	-12.4	1136238	1104616	2.9

The 66 countries included in this table accounted for more than 98% of total world crude steel production in 2007

e - estimated

\* - not included in totals to avoid double-counting

r - revised