

(d) the rate of spectrum sold by ISRO and whether it was according to the market rate; and

(e) the names of the officials by whom the consent for selling the spectrum without inviting tender was given and the level at which the same was given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir. Antrix, the commercial arm of ISRO, had signed an agreement with M/s. Devas on January 28, 2005 for leasing of 90% of the space segment capacity on two satellites for 12 years. In view of the policy decision taken by the government for not providing orbital slot in S-Band to Antrix, the agreement has been annulled.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Comparative figures of steel production

893. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of iron ore and finished steel production capacities and actual production in India and China;

(b) the quantum of export of raw ore and steel to China in the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the demand of steel in India and the actual supply to Indian consumers of steel and figures of steel import for last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Production capacity of steel plants is expressed in terms of crude steel and not finished steel. Data on crude steel production and capacity and iron ore resources and production for India and China for relevant periods are given in the table below:-

Item	India			China		
	Period	Quantity* Million tonnes	Source	Period	Quantity* Million tonnes	Source
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Crude steel						
Capacity	2010-11 (full)	73	JPC	2010	770	SBB

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Production	Apr-Dec. 2010	51.57	JPC	2010	627	WSA
Iron ore						
Resources	As on 1.4.05	14630	IBM	2010	23000	MCS 2011
Production	Apr-Sept., 2010	97.73	IBM	2010	900	MCS 2011

*provisional; JPC: Joint Plant Committee; IBM: Indian Bureau of Mines; SBB: Steel Business Briefing; WSA: World Steel Association; MCS 2011: Mineral Commodity/Summaries 2011;

(b) Data on export of iron ore and total finished steel from India to China during the last five years (2005-06 to 2009-10) are given in the table below:-

Year	Export of iron ore to China ¹ (Million tonnes)	Export of finished steel to China ² (Million tonnes)
2005-06	36.75	0.403
2006-07	76.14	0.206
2007-08	58.95	0.017
2008-09	63.34	0.029
2009-10	87.02	0.045

Source: ¹ = Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

² = Joint Plant Committee

(c) Data on real consumption (demand), availability (actual supply) and imports of finished steel in the country for the last five years (from 2005-06 to 2009-10) and April-December, 2010 and same period of last year are shown in the table below:-

Year	Finished Steel (Million tonnes)		
	Real Consumption	Availability or actual supply	Import
1	2	3	4
2005-06	41.43	46.07	4.31
2006-07	46.78	52.21	4.93

1	2	3	4
2007-08	52.12	58.02	7.03
2008-09	52.35	58.57	5.84
2009-10 *	56.48	63.75	7.29
April-Dec 2010 *	48.15	51.73	5.36
April-Dec 2009	44.22	48.26	5.24

Source: Joint Plant Committee; *=provisional

Bringing down prices of steel

†894. SHRI P. RAJEEV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the measures the Ministry has taken to bring down the price of steel;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the mechanism in place to prevent manufactures from increasing price of steel anticipating an increase in raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA):
(a) to (c) Steel sector operates in a deregulated environment and in a liberalized market, prices are determined by a multitude of complex factors such as cost of raw materials, production cost, international steel price movement and the demand supply gap in the domestic market. In a deregulated market the role of a Government is limited to that of a facilitator. Nonetheless, the Government keeps a close watch on the price movement of commodities such as steel and takes appropriate fiscal measures whenever necessary, in order to ensure domestic availability and create a level playing field.

Accidents in steel plants

†895. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of accidents took place in different steel plants of public sector of the country during the last three years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise;

(c) the loss of human lives and property due to such accidents;

(d) the outcome of investigations made in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.