

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to launch Radar Imaging Satellite (RISAT-1) with C-band microwave payload, which helps imaging in all weather conditions. The microwave images acquired from RISAT-1 could be used for monitoring the areas affected in natural calamities in plain and sparse vegetated regions. However, the data would have limitations in highly undulating terrains due to terrain induced distortions and side looking nature of imaging. Further, dense vegetation in the hilly forest regions like North-East region obliterates most of the information on the ground.

#### Export of Iron Ore and Steel to China

2440. 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 iron 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 STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) : (a) The comparative figures of iron ore and finished steel production capacities and actual production in India and China are as below :

	(in million tonnes)		
	India		China
	2010-11*	2011-12*	2011*
Iron Ore Production	208.00	127.7 (upto December, 11)	1327
Crude Steel Capacity	78.00	88.4	850
Finished Steel Production (for sale)	66.04	70.39	696***

\* provisional;

\*\*\* Crude steel production

Source : Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Ministry of Mines for data on iron ore production and Joint Plant Committee (JPC), Ministry of Steel for data on crude steel capacity and finished steel production and data related to China.

(b) The quantum of export of raw iron ore and total finished steel to China during the last five years are given below :

Year	(in million tonnes)	
	Export of iron ore to China	Export of total finished steel to China
2007-08	91.98	0.017
2008-09	97.84	0.029
2009-10	109.30	0.045
2010-11	89.72	0.008
2011-12 (provisional)	52.47	0.067
(upto February, 12)		

Source: MMTC, Department of Commerce for data on iron ore export and JPC for data on finished steel export.

(c) The demand/real consumption of steel in India, actual supply of Indian consumers and steel import for last five years are given below :

Year	Total Finished Steel (in million tonnes)		
	Demand/Real Consumption	Availability/ Actual Supply	Import
2007-08	52.12	58.03	7.03
2008-09	52.35	58.56	5.84
2009-10	59.34	64.75	7.38
2010-11*	65.61	69.35	6.80
2011-12*	69.18	73.08	6.82

Source: JPC; \* = provisional

### **Officers kept posted at Same Place for Long Time**

2441. SHRI SABIR ALI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of officers of Director/GM level have been kept posted in their respective organizations at particular places for a long time which leads to various acts of malfeasance/malpractices;

(b) if so, the details of the officers so kept posted at a particular place for long time; and

(c) Government's policy in regard to posting and transfer of such officers?