

1	2	3
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10.4
30.	Chandigarh	8.1
31.	Delhi	11.5
32.	Puducherry	9.0
	All-India GDP (2004-05 base)	7.9

Source: Central Statistics Office.

New steel policy

3062. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to formulate new steel policy; and

(b) if so, by when the new policy is likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As the matter involves detailed discussions with various stakeholders and with different Ministries/Departments, at this stage it is difficult to indicate by when the new Policy will be finalized.

Rise in rural steel consumption

3063. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that rural consumption of steel in India has risen from 2 (2005) to 9.8 kg. (2011) per capita-five-fold growth in six years;

(b) in what manner this has affected the business of Government steel companies;

(c) whether there is any significant rise in the competition from the private companies; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to ensure the quality of steel supplied?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.