

Plant	State
Bhilai Steel Plant	Chhattisgarh
Durgapur Steel Plant	West Bengal
IISCO Steel Plant	West Bengal
Alloy Steel Plant	West Bengal
Rourkela Steel Plant	Odisha
Bokaro Steel Plant	Jharkhand
Salem Steel Plant	Tamil Nadu
Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant	Karnataka

**RINL is operating at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

Both SAIL and RINL are profit making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). The capacity utilization of SAIL and RINL during 2012-13 was 112% and 109% respectively.

Steel is a deregulated sector. The role of the Government is that of a facilitator. According to available information, there are around 3647 private steel factories/plants in the country. As the number of steel factories/plants is quite large, the information about their profits, capacity utilization etc. are not maintained by the Ministry of Steel.

(c) All plants/units of the CPSEs have been advised to improve operational efficiency through rebuilding and renewal of assets which include stove repairs and systematic capital repairs of blast furnaces & coke ovens, improving techno-economic parameters, optimizing coking coal blend to reduce variable cost of production, increasing auxiliary fuel injection in blast furnaces, oxygen enrichment in hot blast furnaces to reduce fuel consumption, usage of nut coke in blast furnaces as a replacement for costlier BF coke, improvement in process efficiency through innovation & R&D interventions etc.

**Production and export of steel**

899. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of best quality iron and finished steel produced and exported during the last three years; and

(b) whether the domestic steel industry is suffering from fall in profits and turnover due to the shortage of iron and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Data on best quality iron and finished steel produced and exported is not maintained by the Government. However, data on total production and export of iron ore and finished steel during the last three years are given below:

Year	(million tonnes or mt)			
	Production of Iron Ore*	Production of finished steel for sale**	Export of iron ore*	Export of total finished steel**
2010-11	207	68.62	47	3.64
2011-12	167	75.70	47	4.59
2012-13***	145	77.62	18	5.25

Source: \* Indian Bureau of Mines, industry estimates (2012-13); \*\* Joint Plant Committee (JPC) provisional; \*\*\* Provisional

(b) The details of iron ore produced and consumed during the last three years are given below:-

Year	(in million tonnes)	
	Production	Domestic Consumption
2010-11	207	105.23
2011-12	167	110.98
2012-13 (Provisional)	145	124.80*

[Source: IBM, Ministry of Mines; \* - Industry Sources (ASSOCHAM) for estimated iron ore requirement].

The production of iron ore in India is in excess of the total estimated domestic consumption by the iron and steel industry. Further, to improve the availability of iron ore for the domestic industry, fiscal measures are being adopted by Government to discourage export of iron ore. Currently, an export duty of 30% *ad valorem* is levied on all varieties of iron ore (except pellets). Accordingly, it would be difficult to attribute fall in profit of steel companies to shortage of iron ore.