

Huge demand for long steel in international market

3831. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge demand for long steel in the international market and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Japan and South Korea are increasing the export of steel to India under the Free Trade Agreement and if so, the quantum of steel exported to India by these countries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) The export of long products from India to the international market during the last three years is shown below:

(Quantity in thousand tonnes)	
Year	Long Products Exports
2011-2012	548.66
2012-2013	692.23
2013-2014*	878.83

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC). * Provisional

From the above table, it appears that the demand for long products in the International market is increasing.

(b) Yes, Sir. Exports of steel from Japan and South Korea to India have increased. The quantum of Steel exported to India by these countries during the last three years is shown below:

(Quantity in thousand tonnes)			
Country	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14*
Japan	917	1545	1356
South Korea	1239	1577	1312

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC). * Provisional

Including representative of State Government in NMDC Board

†3832. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state whether in view of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) located in Dantewada district of Bastar region of Chhattisgarh and playing an important role in the economic development of the tribals of Bastar region, Government felt it necessary to include the representative of the State Government on the Board?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.