

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.318**  
FOR ANSWER ON 03/02/2021

**INCREASE IN PRICE OF HOT ROLLED COIL**

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Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the wholesale price of Hot Rolled Coil (HRC) has gone up to ₹ 58,000 a tonne, an unbearable increase of 55% between January 2020 and January 2021;
- (b) what is Government's response to this increase, give details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Engineering Exporters Org. EEPC India is seeking urgent intervention by Government to stem the runaway rise in steel prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): The month-wise changes in average domestic sales price of Hot Rolled Coil (HRC) between January, 2020 and January, 2021 are given as follows:-

Month	Price (Rs. Per Ton)	% Change
January, 20	39962	-
February, 20	40900	2.35
March, 20	39786	-2.72
April, 20	38583	-3.02
May, 20	38024	-1.45
June, 20	38343	0.84
July, 20	37735	-1.59
August, 20	40307	6.82
September, 20	41958	4.10
October, 20	44718	6.58
November, 20	45462	1.66
December, 20	52638	15.78
January, 21	57302	8.86

(Source: Joint Plant Committee, Ministry of Steel)

There has been an increase of 43.4% in prices of HR Coil in January, 2021 as compared to January, 2020. In a de-regulated, open market scenario, domestic steel price is determined by market forces of demand and supply, trends in prices of raw materials and is also influenced by global conditions. Government has taken steps to increase availability of steel by ramping up production of iron ore to help stabilise the prices.

(c)&(d): EEPC India has expressed concern over the increase in steel prices in recent months. To ensure availability of steel at competitive prices to the MSMEs, guidelines were notified on 24.06.2020 by Ministry of Steel, whereby domestic steel producers would provide four product categories of steel (Hot rolled coil, Cold rolled coil, wire rods and alloy steel bars) to the MSME members of EEPC India at an export parity price.