

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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STATUS OF STEEL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of steel production in the country and the manner in which it is compared to previous years' performance;
- (b) whether steps have been taken by the Government to urge steel industry to focus on investment in rural areas to enhance production and consumption in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

- (a) Data on production of crude steel during last three years and current year along with percentage change over same period of last year is given below:-

Year	Crude steel Production	
	Qty (MT)	% change
2020-21	103.54	-
2021-22	120.29	16.2
2022-23	127.20	5.7

Source: Joint Plant Committee; MT=million tonnes

(b)&(c): Steel is a deregulated sector and the decision regarding investment including in rural areas, to enhance production and consumption in the country are taken up by the steel companies based on the market dynamics. However, Ministry of Steel is actively engaged with various Ministries and Departments of Government of India along with other relevant stakeholders to discuss the strategies for promotion of steel in rural areas in the country. A Joint Working Group has been constituted for developing steel-based houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-G) and Anganwadi houses. Additionally, Ministry of Steel has associated with State Governments in organizing rural fairs, exhibitions and melas and has encouraged the CPSEs under the Ministry to participate in the events. Moreover, Ministry of Steel has also extended Logo Support to various events which focus on enhanced production and consumption in the country, including rural areas. Steel CPSEs viz. Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) have appointed rural dealers and also engage in various promotional activities specifically aim at educating rural India on advantages of steel use.
