

Echoing these sentiments, noted steel expert Mr Sushim Banerjee, DG of INSDAG, in his personal capacity wrote in Financail Express that "Indian market due to lowering of imports has been enlarged by about 5-6 million tonnes in the current year. The domestic market that rose by 4.3% in FY16 is eagerly waiting for the actual hike in fund allocation as per the Budget for roads and railways, rural, irrigation sectors and private corporate and household investment in real estate (Housing for all by 2022), automobile and appliances markets. Economic activities are the outcome of enabling policies. It is hoped that a prudent combination of monetary, fiscal and trade policies in the country would usher in a set of supportive policies in the coming months to boost up demand which would only sustain the remunerative prices for carrying out an effective capacity augmentation process in steel to cater to the rising demand."

Finished steel (Non Alloy + Alloy Steel)

Category	Apr'16	Apr'15	YoY	Share
Non - Alloy	5,212	4,640	12.3%	90.5%
Alloy	545	824	-33.9%	9.5%
Total	5,757	5,464	5.4%	100.0%

In Source '000 tonnes JPC

Input Materials

Category	Apr'16	Apr'15	YoY
Pig Iron	775	822	-5.7%
Sponge Iron	1,373	1,616	-15.0%
Semis for sales	3,173	3,265	-2.8%

In Source '000 tonnes JPC

Finished steel – Longs

Category	Apr'16	Apr'15	YoY	Share
Bars & Rods	2,580	2,118	21.8%	44.8%
Structurals	546	547	-0.2%	9.5%
Rly. Materials	41	48	-14.6%	0.7%
Total - Longs	3,167	2,713	16.7%	55.0%

In Source '000 tonnes JPC

Finished steel – Flats

Category	Apr'16	Apr'15	YoY	Share
Plates	214	500	-57.2%	3.7%

<i>H.R.Coils \ Skelp</i>	770	483	59.4%	13.4%
<i>H.R.Sheets</i>	182	155	17.4%	3.2%
<i>C.R.Sheets \ Coils</i>	233	95	145.3%	4.0%
<i>GP \ GC Sheets</i>	418	448	-6.7%	7.3%
<i>Elec. Sheets</i>	40	44	-9.1%	0.7%
<i>Tinplate (incl. ww)</i>	40	35	14.3%	0.7%
<i>TMBP</i>	0	1	-100.0%	0.0%
<i>Tin free steel</i>	2	8	-75.0%	0.0%
Total - Flats	1899	1769	7.3%	33.0%

In '000 tonnes
Source - JPC

Pipes (Large Dia)				
<i>Category</i>	Apr'16	Apr'15	YoY	Share
<i>Pipes (Large Dia)</i>	146	158	-7.6%	2.5%

In '000 tonnes
Source - JPC