

## **MANUAL I - PARTICULARS OF JOINT PLANT COMMITTEE, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES**

Joint Plant Committee (JPC) is the only institution in the country, officially empowered by the Ministry of Steel, Government of India to collect data on the Indian iron and steel industry and over the last significant 50 years of its operation, it has embellished its position in the creation and maintenance of a complete and non-partisan databank on this industry.

Constituted in 1964 by the Government of India for formulating guidelines for production, allocation, pricing and distribution of iron & steel materials, JPC underwent a major transformation in 1992, when following the de-regulation of Indian iron and steel industry, it moulded itself into a facilitator for industry, focusing on giving form to a comprehensive and non-partisan databank - the first of its kind in the country - on the Indian iron and steel industry.

Its vast experience in different fields of data related work and accumulated knowledge on industry - structure, operation, dynamics - has helped reap rich dividends with the result that today, the JPC database is a much sought-after source of authentic and reliable information on the Indian steel industry, used extensively in policy making exercise of the Government of India, in strategy formulation by entrepreneurs and in the formulation of key economic parameters like the WPI, IIP, GDP of the Government of India among others.

JPC is headquartered in Kolkata with Regional Offices in New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai, engaged in data and industry liaison and Extension Offices in Bhubaneswar and Raipur in a bid to consolidate and further sharpen the accuracy of its data and data collection system at the regional level. The Economic Research Unit (ERU) at New Delhi serves as a wing of JPC to carry out techno-economic studies and policy analysis. JPC is headed by Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Steel as its Chairperson and has representatives from government, steel industry and its related stakeholders as esteemed Members of its Apex Committee ([Annexure-A](#)).

Organizational Chart is in [Annexure-G](#).