

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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FOR ANSWER ON 03/08/2022

DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of domestic production and import of steel in the country during each of the last two years and the current year;
- (b) whether imports of steel have adversely affected the domestic manufacturers during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the domestic steel industry in the country and the achievements made in this regard so far?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Details of quantity of domestic production and import of finished steel during last two years and current year are given below:-

Period	Production (mt)	Import (mt)
2020-21	96.20	4.75
2021-22	113.60	4.67
2022-23 (April-June)*	28.89	1.17

Source: Joint Plant Committee; *provisional; mt=million Ton

- (b) Steel consists of several grades & categories having 507 tariff lines at 8-digit classification in Chapter-72 with a total of 901 steel producing units in the country. Some of the domestic manufacturing may have been adversely affected by the imports of steel. The domestic production and consumption of finished steel during the last two years and current year has risen. Furthermore, overall share of domestic production in the consumption of finished steel has been increasing and that of imports are decreasing:-

Year	Consumption (in mt)			% Share of Import in Consumption	% Share of Domestic Production in Consumption
	Total	Share of import	Share of domestic production		
2020-21	94.89	4.75	90.14	5.0 %	95.0 %
2021-22	105.75	4.67	101.08	4.4 %	95.6 %
2022-23 (April-June*)	27.69	1.17	26.52	4.2 %	95.8 %

Source: JPC, mt=Million Ton, *Provisional

(c) to (d): Steel is a deregulated sector and the role of the Government is that of a facilitator. Decisions such as production, import and export are market driven, and are taken by the steel companies based on techno-commercial considerations. Government has notified the following steps to protect and promote the domestic steel industry, which include:-

- i. Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting procurement of Made in India steel.
- ii. Steel Quality Control Order to stop manufacturing and import of non-standardized steel.
- iii. Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) for advanced registration of steel imports.
- iv. Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel with an outlay of ₹6322 Crore.
