

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4208
FOR ANSWER ON 19.08.2025

**IMPACT OF SUDDEN IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY CONTROL ORDER
ON MSMES**

4208. SHRI SANATAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Quality Control Order (QCO) dated 13th June 2025, making BIS certification mandatory for raw materials and inputs used in steel production, was issued without providing adequate time for compliance;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of this sudden implementation on MSMEs dependent on semi-finished steel imports;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations from trade bodies highlighting supply disruptions, cost escalation and compliance challenges;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revise the implementation timeline or provide a grace period, considering that importers had less than one working day to comply; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for such a rapid rollout despite long lead times in steel procurement?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(e): No new Quality Control Order (QCO) has been issued by Ministry of Steel on 13th June, 2025. The clarification dated 13th June, 2025 seeks to eliminate consumption of sub-standard steel in the country and bring parity of foreign manufacturers and domestic manufacturers. Further, vide Ministry's notification dated 11th July, 2025 the following exemptions have been granted in respect of the clarification dated 13th June, 2025 :-

- (i) The mandatory adherence requirement of input steel for imports of steel products with Bill of lading having shipped on board date on or before 15th July, 2025 was exempted.
- (ii) The mandatory adherence requirement of input steel for the final products supplied by Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs) will be exempted after verification of such licences by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
