

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1574
FOR ANSWER ON 09.12.2025

SUPPORT FOR LOCALLY MANUFACTURED STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the domestic stainless steel manufacturers have sought the Government's help to ensure that sectors like automobiles, utensils procure locally manufactured steel, rather than importing cheap steel from overseas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that they also sought an assurance from the Government that the relaxation on stainless imports, allowing the sale of non-BIS compliant steel products would not be extended beyond December 31, 2025, to save domestic industry;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the domestic industry is buying overseas steel at 20-25% cheaper rates, thus, they are not willing to buy locally made steel, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that around 150 mills have been shut down and another 50 have cut output; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect domestic steel industry?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(e): Steel is a deregulated sector and the Government acts as a facilitator by creating a conducive policy environment for the development of the steel sector. Decisions such as production, investment, modernization, employment, import etc. are dependent on the market conditions and techno-commercial analysis of individual companies. The steel products covered in Quality Control Order are required to adhere the standard prescribed by BIS. In order to ensure sufficient domestic availability and uninterrupted supply chain for domestic MSMEs, relaxations are given including stainless steel.

Government has taken several measures to protect domestic steel industry and to improve the competitiveness of domestic steel manufacturers to reduce dependency on imports which include the following: -

1. Implementation of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting 'Made in India' steel for Government procurement.
2. Launch of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel to promote the manufacturing of value-added steel within the country and reduce imports by attracting capital investments.
3. Revamping Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) to provide granular details on imports to the domestic steel industry.
4. Introduction of Steel Quality Control Orders thereby banning sub-standard/ defective steel products in the domestic market as well as imports to ensure the availability of quality steel to the industry, users, and public at large.
