

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
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FOR ANSWER ON 11.03.2025

STEEL PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

1949. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of investments made in steel processing and ancillary industries in Odisha, particularly in Balangir and Sonepur, during the last five financial years;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to establish steel processing or fabrication units in these districts to create employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total employment generated through steel-related industries in Odisha during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken to attract private sector investment in downstream steel industries in Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(d): Steel is a deregulated sector and the Government acts as a facilitator by creating a conducive policy environment for the development of steel sector across all states in the country, including Odisha. Decisions regarding setting up of a steel plant is taken by industry based on techno-commercial consideration including raw material availability, distance from port, logistics etc. Government has taken the following measures to improve raw material security, enhance R&D activities, reduce import dependence, and cost of production, to increase employment and to attract private sector investment:-

- a. Implementation of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting 'Made in India' steel for Government procurement.
- b. Launch of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel to promote the manufacturing of 'Specialty Steel' within the country and reduce imports by attracting capital investments.
- c. Increasing capex allocation in the Union Budget, with thrust to infrastructure expansion which, in turn, has increased steel consumption.
- d. Calibration of Basic Customs Duty on raw materials to reduce cost of production.
- e. Notification of Steel Scrap Recycling Policy to enhance the availability of domestically generated ferrous scrap.
