

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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FOR ANSWER ON 20/12/2023

INCREASE IN USAGE OF STEEL

2890. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the usage of steel across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the per capita steel consumption has grown in the last ten years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)&(b): Steel is a de-regulated sector and the role of the Government is to facilitate the steel Industry by laying down the policy guidelines and establishing the institutional mechanism/structure for creating conducive environment for fostering steel production, consumption and improving efficiency of the steel sector in the country. In this direction, the Government has released the National Steel Policy, 2017, which had laid down the broad roadmap for encouraging long term growth for the Indian steel industry, both on demand and supply sides, by 2030-31. Government's push for infrastructure development through significant capex for infrastructure Gati-Shakti Master Plan, 'Make-in-India' initiative for manufacturing sector and other flagship schemes of the Government would provide impetus to the demand and consumption of steel in the country.

Ministry of Steel has set up committee of experts from Industry and Technical Institutions (IITs/NITs) for development of steel intensive designs for construction of houses and long span road bridges for fostering steel usage in Housing and Construction sector. To promote availability of specialty steels for domestic consumption, the Government has also notified Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel to promote the manufacturing of specialty steel within the country.

(c)&(d): Per capita steel consumption has grown continuously during the last ten years except during 2020-21 due to COVID pandemic. The details of per capita steel consumption during last ten years are given below: -

Year	Total Finished Steel Per capita consumption (in kg)
2013-14	59.2
2014-15	60.8
2015-16	63.5
2016-17	64.7
2017-18	69.0
2018-19	74.4
2019-20	74.7
2020-21	70.0
2021-22	77.2
2022-23	86.7

Source: Joint Plant Committee(JPC)
