

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *299
FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2023

STAINLESS STEEL POLICY

*299. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate country's first stainless steel policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said policy including its aims and objectives;
- (c) whether the Government has held any consultations with the stakeholders of stainless steel industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with their response in this regard;
- (e) whether it is a fact that India is heavily dependent on China for minerals required to make stainless steel; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to reduce its dependency on China and be self reliant?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *299 FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2023 ASKED BY SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO AND SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING “STAINLESS STEEL POLICY”

(a)to(d): The National Steel Policy-2017 covers entire value chain of steel sector including stainless-steel industry. National Steel Policy lays emphasis on the following aspects of stainless-steel industry:-

- i. Improving capacity utilization by taking suitable trade remedial measures to protect the stainless-steel industry from unfair trade practices.
- ii. Encouraging development of high-end varieties of stainless steel products by the industry through innovation and strategic ventures.
- iii. Promoting use of stainless steel for drinking water pipelines, water storage, packaging etc.
- iv. Encouraging the industry to acquire raw material assets such as nickel required for stainless steel production to maintain standby supply.

Considering the above, presently no new policy is under consideration.

(e) Mineral required to make stainless steel are chromium and nickel. Chromium is available in India whereas nickel is majorly imported from Indonesia, Russia and Brazil.

(f) Question does not arise in view of (e) above.
