

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1273
FOR ANSWER ON 01/12/2014

STEEL CONSUMPTION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is decline in steel consumption during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the steel consumption in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. The consumption of finished steel for the period April – October 2014 is 43.135 Million Tonnes as compared to 42.906 Million Tonnes during April – October 2013, exhibiting a growth of 0.5%. (Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC).

(c) Institute for Steel Development & Growth, an organization promoted by the Ministry of Steel along with major steel producers, is working towards the efficient usage of steel in the construction and allied segments. INSDAG has taken up a number of activities/initiatives to enhance steel consumption and to create awareness of the benefits of steel usage. INSDAG has been taking the following steps to improve the steel consumption in the country:

1. Organizing steel campaigns in rural areas by training masons on the benefits of steel usage & promoting best practices in construction.
2. Developing designs of model rural houses, culverts, panchayat hall, community toilet etc. with steel and promoting them.
3. Conducting Trainings in rural areas under the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme in fabrication of steel.
4. Providing advisory services and materials and construction practices.
5. Publishing need based technical manuals, guide books and reports on steel based construction.
