GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1430 FOR ANSWER ON 06/12/2024

IMPOSITION OF CARBON TARIFF ON STEEL IMPORTS

1430. Shri Jaggesh:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has begun a review of the National Steel Policy (NSP) in the wake of some advanced economies such as the European Union imposing carbon tariff on steel imports and the growing need to decarbonize the sector;
- (b) whether the idea is to assess the impact of the policy on production and usage of commodity and examine if any tweaks are required in view of the new emerging challenges;
- (c) whether Government has initiated consultations with the industry and other stakeholders as part of review; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

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(a)to(d): Government has taken various ongoing measures in the wake of emerging challenges including decarbonisation and European Union's introduction of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) which are not contingent upon a formal review of the National Steel Policy.

After deliberation with stakeholders, Government has formulated roadmap and action plan for green transition of steel sector. Other policy initiatives for energy efficiency and process efficiency include National Green Hydrogen Mission for green hydrogen production and usage in steel sector, notification of Steel Scrap Recycling Policy 2019, and Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicles Scrapping Facility) Rules 2021 to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap for steel making enabling reduced carbon emission in steel making process, Implementation of the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme, under National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency, which incentivizes steel industry to reduce energy consumption, etc.
