

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1434
FOR ANSWER ON 13/03/2023

DEVELOPMENT OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY

1434 SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts made by Government since 2017 for the development of the steel industry;
- (b) the details of import and export of steel during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of the efforts made by Government to modernize the steel industry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

- (a) Steel is a deregulated sector and Government's role is that of a facilitator for fostering steel sector in the country. Government has taken following measures for development of steel sector:-
 - i. Notification of National Steel Policy in 2017 for providing policy support and guidance to steel producers.
 - ii. Notification of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting procurement of Made in India Steel by government and public sector projects.
 - iii. Notification of Steel Scrap Recycling Policy to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap.
 - iv. Issuance of Steel Quality Control Orders to prevent manufacturing and import of non-standardized steel and to make available quality steel products to the public.

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- v. Mandating advance registrations of steel imports through the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS).
 - vi. Notification of Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel with an outlay of ₹6,322 crores.
 - vii. Engagement with steel producers including industry associations and leaders of domestic steel industry for address their issues by the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government and State Governments.
 - viii. Engagement with potential users; including from Railways, Defence, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Agriculture and Rural Development sectors to enhance the steel usage and overall demand for steel in the country.
- (b) Details of import and export of finished steel during 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 and the current year are given as follows:-

(in million tonnes)

Year	Import	Export
2019-20	6.77	8.36
2020-21	4.75	10.78
2021-22	4.67	13.49
Apr '22 – Feb '23	5.59	5.90
Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)		

(c) Steel being a deregulated sector, decisions regarding modernization and expansion of the various steel plants in the country are taken by the individual steel companies based on commercial considerations and market dynamics. Modernization is a continuous process.

Since 2017, due to modernization and expansion the capacity of the country has been enhanced from 137.97 MTPA to 154.06 MTPA, as on 31.03.2022