GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES FOR IMPORTED STEEL PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to enforce the Steel Product Quality Control Order (QCO) formulated by BIS 2024 to ensure that all imported steel products meet the required standards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the Ministry is addressing challenges faced by importers in obtaining BIS certifications for their products;

(c) the measures in place to prevent entry of substandard steel products into Indian market and the operation of Technical Committee-QCO (TC-QCO) portal for inspecting imported steel; and

(d) whether the Ministry has conducted any assessments on the impact of the QCO on domestic steel production and consumption?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE   (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(c):   Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in consultation with Ministry of Steel has been taking steps to ensure that only quality steel is produced in the country or imported from outside. In this direction, 151 BIS standards have been notified and have been covered by Quality Control Orders (QCOs) by Ministry of Steel to ensure that only quality steel complying with the relevant BIS standards, is made available to the end users & the public at large. Any import of steel from outside can be done with a BIS licence.

     For importing such steel grades, which are not yet covered by BIS standards, the importers are required to apply in advance in the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) portal for their six monthly requirement, to which the Technical Committee-QCO (TC-QCO) portal has been integrated.

(d)   No impact assessments have been conducted on the impact of the QCO on domestic steel production and consumption.

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