GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 630 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

DECARBONISATION IN STEEL SECTOR

630. Shri Mithlesh Kumar:

Shri Aditya Prasad:

Ms. Kavita Patidar:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by Government towards decarbonisation and improving resource efficiency in the steel sector; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI H.D KUMARASWAMY)

- (a)&(b): The steps taken by Government towards decarbonisation and improving resource efficiency in the steel sector are as under: -
- (1) Ministry of Steel has released a report titled "Greening the Steel Sector in India: Roadmap and Action Plan" in alignment with the recommendations of the 14 Task Forces constituted by this Ministry for this purpose. This report provides a comprehensive overview of steel sector, discusses the various pathways for the decarbonisation of the steel sector and chalks out the strategy, action plan and roadmap for the same.
- (2) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has formulated National Green Hydrogen Mission for green hydrogen production and usage. Ministry of Steel is a stakeholder in the Mission and awarded two pilot projects to produce DRI using 100% Hydrogen in vertical shaft and one pilot project to use hydrogen in existing Blast Furnace to reduce coal/coke consumption under this Mission.
- (3) Steel Scrap Recycling Policy, 2019, formulated by Ministry of Steel envisages to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap to reduce the consumption of coal in steel making.
- (4) Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicles Scrapping Facility) Rules September, 2021 of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways envisages to increase availability of scrap in the steel sector.
- (5) National Solar Mission launched by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in January, 2010 promotes the use of solar energy and also helps to reduce the emission of steel industry.
- (6) Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme, under National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency, incentivizes steel industry to reduce energy consumption.
