

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.145
FOR ANSWER ON 16/11/2016

PLAN TO MANDATE GALVANIZATION OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to mandate galvanization of steel in automobile, construction and infrastructure, if so, is there any other sector in which it wants to mandate this;
- (b) whether the Ministry has held talks on various issues arising out of this decision with other stakeholder ministries, if so, what has been their response;
- (c) whether this decision of Government has faced any opposition from any quarters of the society, if so, what has been the Ministry's response; and
- (d) whether Government has considered any alternative measure to avoid rusting of steel, if so, will they be mandated too?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)to(d): Ministry of Steel does not have any proposal for mandatory galvanisation of steel in the automobile, construction and infrastructure sectors in the country. However, the following measures are being taken by the steel industry to facilitate galvanisation/ prevent corrosion of steel products, wherever required:

- All the major steel producers are working on increasing penetration and reach through channel network so that galvanised steel is easily available to the end consumer.
- Exploring new avenues where Galvanised steel can replace traditional materials for better longevity and easy & quick construction like Grain Silos, Low Cost House, Steel Toilets, Steel Doors, etc.
- Thrust for replacing plain sheets with Galvanised Steel in Consumer Durable and Auto Segment.
- Awareness programs, especially rural areas, about the importance of Galvanised products. Showcasing the Galvanised steel products in various Rural Fairs.
- Print Advertisements in leading newspapers across India to increase awareness levels regarding Galvanised products
- Organising Industry Conferences / Summits focussing on Galvanised Steel
- The industry is also taking other measures like coating of steel products to prevent corrosion.
