

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1570
FOR ANSWER ON 15/03/2017

**DISPUTE WITH JAPAN ON IMPORT OF IRON AND STEEL
PRODUCTS**

1570. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Japan has dragged India to the World Trade Organisation against certain measures taken by Government on imports of iron and steel products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that WTO compliant measures, including anti-dumping duty should have been used as Minimum Import Price is not compliant with global trade norms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. Japan has filed a complaint DS518 (India-Certain Measures on Imports of Iron and Steel Products) before the World Trade Organisation (WTO)'s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) seeking redressal from India's measures of Safeguard Duty and Minimum Import Price imposed on certain iron and steel products, which Japan considers as inconsistent with the WTO obligations. Accordingly, as per Article 4 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU), consultations were held in New Delhi on 6-7 February, 2017. Purpose of such consultations is to understand the issues and make attempt to obtain satisfactory adjustment of the matter before resorting to further proceedings under DSU. In case, a WTO Member considers that any measure (in any form including Anti-Dumping Duty, MIP etc) taken by another Member is not WTO compliant, it can approach WTO Dispute Settlement mechanism for redressal of such alleged inconsistency.
