

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2876**  
FOR ANSWER ON 18/03/2020

**DECLINE IN DEMAND OF STEEL INDUSTRY**

2876. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production and demand in the steel industry of the country are declining on account of increased cost of raw materials and electricity as well as global competition; and
- (b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to deal with these problems?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir. The domestic production and demand for steel as per the available data is provided in the following table:-

(Quantity in Thousand Ton)

Period	Production	% Change	Consumption	% Change
2017-18	104978	3.12%	90679	7.90%
2018-19	106560	1.51%	98708	8.85%
2018-19 April, 18 - January, 19	91457	-	80816	-
2019-20* April, 19 – January, 20	91480	0.03%	83896	3.81%

\*Provisional; Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC).

Production of crude steel in India during April, 2019 – January, 2020 (Provisional) indicates a growth of 0.03% whereas consumption of total finished steel (non-alloy + alloy / stainless) in India during April, 2019 – January, 2020 (Provisional) indicate growth of 3.8%.

(b) In a deregulated & liberalized steel sector, the Government's role is that of a facilitator which lays down the policy guidelines in consonance with prevailing steel sector scenario for creating conducive environment. Government has brought Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products Procurement (DMI&SP) Policy, Steel Scrap Policy, Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) alongwith Government's push for better infrastructure such as railways, roads, 'Housing for All by 2022', piped water to every household etc. to increase steel consumption & consequent production in the country.

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