

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3359
FOR ANSWER ON 24/03/2021

CONCERN OF METAL PACKAGING INDUSTRY

3359. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that metal packaging industry of India is facing acute hardship in securing raw material after global players and suppliers of tin-free steel have refused to supply the same to India in the wake of imposition of BIS standards, if so, the rationale behind such a move; and
- (b) the action contemplated by Government to address the genuine concerns of metal packaging industry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): With a view to ensure that quality steel as per the relevant Indian Standards is available to the end users, Ministry of Steel has introduced the Quality Control Order (QCO). As on date, a total 145 Steel Product Standards have been brought under QCO. In regard to tin free steel (IS:12591: 2018 for Cold Reduced Electrolytic Chromium/Chromium Oxide – Coated Steel), QCO was notified on 17th July, 2020 with date of enforcement after six months from the date of notification. In view of restriction in travel following COVID-19 pandemic and more time required for grant of license(s) by BIS, the date of enforcement of QCO on tin-free steel has been extended by three months to 17th April, 2021.
