

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.773
FOR ANSWER ON 08/02/2017

DOMESTIC POLICIES HURTING DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCERS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has given any thought on its domestic policies that are hurting the domestic steel producers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) to what extent the railway freight policy and clean energy cess is impacting the steel sector in the country;
- (d) whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Railways to change tariff classification of steel goods at par with coal; and
- (e) if so, the outcome of the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) Domestic policies are reviewed periodically and consultations are made with other Ministries to have growth oriented policies.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Clean Energy Cess has been increased from Rs.200/- per tonne of coal to Rs.400/- per tonne in the Budget 2016-17. No changes have been proposed in the current budget.
- (d)&(e): The Ministry of Steel has taken up with the Ministry of Railways the issue of bringing the freight of iron ore at par with that of coal.
