

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2064
FOR ANSWER ON 30/07/2018

STEEL PRODUCTION/IMPORTS

2064. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of steel sector in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the quantum of indigenous production, demand, supply and imports of steel in the country during the said period;
- (c) whether there is a huge gap in the demand and supply of steel, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the imports of steel particularly from China has adversely affected the domestic steel sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received any representation from various domestic steel manufacturers against surge of steel imports in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the domestic steel industry against the said imports; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the steel production in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) The domestic steel industry contributes to 2% (approx) in the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- (b) Data on production for sale, import, consumption of total finished steel in the country during the last three years and the current financial year is shown below.

Year	Total Finished Steel (alloy/stainless + non-alloy) (mt)		
	Production for sale	Import	Consumption
2015-16	90.98	11.71	81.52
2016-17	101.81	7.23	84.04
2017-18*	104.98	7.48	90.68
April-June, 2018	26.966	1.89	23.59

Source: JPC; *Provisional; mt=million tonnes

- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Imports from China declined its share in total imports during the current years as compared to same period of last year. Data on import of key items of non-alloy steel, overall alloy/stainless steel and total finished steel from China to India during the last three years and April-May, 2018 is given below. No adverse affect noticed in past year.

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Import of total finished steel ('000t)			
Period	China	All Total	% share of China in Total
2015-16	4125	11711	35
2016-17	2157	7227	30
2017-18*	1931	7482	26
April-May, 2017*	239	1062	23
April-May, 2018*	198	1217	16
%change* YOY	-17	14.6	-
Source: JPC;*provisional			

(e) Government has not received any representation against surge steel imports in the country.

(f) Steel is a deregulated sector. The Government has taken various measures to promote steel sector like trade measures such as anti dumping duties, safeguard duties and notified Quality Control Order thereby making BIS standards mandatory for all steel products and imports; notified the policy on Domestically Manufactured Iron and Steel Products in Government procurement which facilitates domestic value addition, and notified National Steel Policy, 2017 with a view to encourage long term growth of steel sector.
