

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2295
FOR ANSWER ON 24/12/2018

PERFORMANCE OF STEEL SECTOR

2295. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
 KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is the third largest Steel Producer in the world and Steel sector contributes to over 2 per cent to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the secondary steel sector contributes more than 34 per cent of the total production of Crude Steel and 42.86 per cent of gross finished steel production and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has instituted secondary steel sector awards for the first time and if so, the details thereof, including selection criteria fixed thereof;
- (d) whether secondary steel sector comprises of composite and stand-alone steel production and processing units, if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to create a globally competitive steel industry; and
- (e) whether the consumption of steel in the country has touched 70 kg per capita and if so, the details thereof along with the steps initiated to encourage the secondary steel sector to strive for improving performance and quality of production?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) India was the third largest producer of Crude Steel after China and Japan in the year 2015, 2016 and 2017. However, in 2018 (till Oct, 2018) India became the 2nd largest producer in the world. The domestic steel industry contributes to 2 % (approx) in the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Top 3 crude steel producers in the world: 2015, 2016, 2017								
2015			2016			2017*		
Rank	Country	Qty. (mt)	Rank	Country	Qty. (mt)	Rank	Country	Qty. (mt)
1	China	803.8	1	China	807.6	1	China	831.7
2	Japan	105.1	2	Japan	104.8	2	Japan	104.7
3	India	89.0	3	India	95.5	3	India	101.4

Source: worldsteel; *provisional except India; mt=million tonnes

World Crude Steel Production: January-October 2018 (p)			
Rank	Country	Qty (mt)	% yoy change
1	China	782.46	6.4
2	India	88.43	5.6
3	Japan	87.19	-0.1

Source: worldsteel; p= provisional; mt=million tonnes

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(b) Yes, Madam. Secondary steel sector contributes 42.4 per cent of the total production of Crude Steel and 45.5 per cent of gross finished steel production.

(c) Ministry of Steel has instituted an award to recognise the secondary steel sector for their contribution to the national economy for the first time in 2018. The total 26 awards were given away. The selection of awardees was done by a two tier mechanism comprising of Assessment Committee and Selection Committee. The applicants were evaluated based on objective and subjective parameters.

(d) Secondary sector comprises of standalone units (having a single processing facility only) and composite units (having more than one processing facility). Secondary steel sector awards were instituted to encourage the secondary steel sector to make more energy efficient and competitive.

(e) No, Madam. Per capita consumption of total finished steel (non-alloy + alloy/stainless) in India during 2017-18 is 68.9 kg.

The following steps have been taken to encourage the secondary steel sector to strive for improving performance and quality of production:-

1. Launching of an award scheme to recognize and encourage progressive units for adopting energy-efficient technologies and innovative measures.
2. Protecting domestic producers from below-cost import from foreign countries through anti-dumping measures.
3. Increased focus on Quality through imposition of Quality control orders on Steel & Steel products. The implementation of these orders would cover around 85-90% of steel and steel products consumed in the country.
