

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 479**  
**FOR ANSWER ON 06/02/2023**

**STEEL CONSUMPTION IN THE COUNTRY**

479. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that steel consumption is very low in the country;
- (b) where does the country stand in per capita consumption of steel in the world; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to increase per capita usage of steel in the country.

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

- (a) India has become the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest consumer of finished steel in the world. The finished steel consumption was 106 million tons (MT) during the FY22.
- (b) The per capita steel consumption in the World is around 233 kg. However, the per capita consumption of steel in India is around 77.2 kg, gone up by 50% in last 8 years, which is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the average world per capita steel consumption.
- (c) Steel is a deregulated sector and Government's role is that of a facilitator for fostering steel consumption in the country. In that direction, Government has brought National Steel Policy (NSP), 2017 which envisages per capita steel consumption to increase up to 160 kg by 2030-31. Government's push for infrastructure development through Gati-Shakti Master Plan, 'Make-in-India' initiative for manufacturing sector, Pradhanmantri Awas Yojna (PMAY) etc. would provide impetus to the demand and consumption of steel in the country. Ministry of Steel has also set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) with Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) having members from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Technical Institutions (IITs/NITs) & Industries for fostering steel usage in Housing and Construction sector.

\*\*\*\*\*