

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2050
FOR ANSWER ON 10/07/2019

QUALITY AND CONSUMPTION OF STEEL

2050. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per capita consumption of steel in the country is quite low compared to the global standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken cognisance of the fact that low quality steel is being pushed into the market, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government for the above as well as the impact *vis-à-vis* the steps taken?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Data on per capita consumption of total finished steel in the world (global average), and India for 2018 is given below which shows that India's per capita steel consumption was lower than the global average during 2018-19.

Per capita consumption of finished steel		
Year	World (kg)	India (kg)
2018 -19*	224.5	72.8
Source: worldsteel, World Steel in Figures 2019		Source: JPC
*provisional		

- (b) Per capita steel consumption of a country is directly proportional to its level of development. Developed countries have greater per capita steel consumption as steel is used in construction, public infrastructure such as roads, rails, ports etc and by steel intensive industries such as ship building, automobiles, engineering goods, white goods, etc.

With more focus on housing for all under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, highways, rail network, piped water for all households etc., India's per capita steel consumption is increasing every year.

- (c)&(d): In order to prevent low quality steel from being sold in the Indian market, Ministry of Steel has implemented quality control orders on 53 steel and steel products which is applicable for both domestic production as well as imports. The Steel Quality Control Orders are implemented in the public interest for protection of human, animal and plant, safety of environment, prevention of unfair trade practices and national security. The imports of low quality steel for the year 2018-19 has decreased by 15% as compared to previous year (**Annexure**).

Annexure

Category Wise Imports of Seconds/Defective		
Quantity '000 tonnes / Value : Rs. Crores		
CATEGORY	Non Alloy Steel	
	(seconds/defective) Quantity	
	2017-18	2018-19
STEEL		
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.....Billets,Slabs,etc.	0.0	0.0
.....Re-rollable Scrap	0.0	0.0
TOTAL Finished Steel (Non-Alloy)		
1.Non-Flat Products		
BARS & RODS	10.0	3.4
STRUCTURALS	0.0	0.0
RLY. MATERIALS	0.0	0.0
TOTAL (1) Non-Flat Products	10.0	3.4
2.Flat Products		
PLATES	0.8	0.1
HR SHEETS	0.3	0.2
HR COIL/STRIP	1.2	0.5
CR COIL/SHEETS	13.7	3.8
GP/GC SHEETS/COIL	117.3	149.9
ELECT. SHEETS	0.1	0.1
TMBP	0.5	0.2
TIN PLATES	126.7	102.8
TIN FREE STEEL	52.6	50.4
PIPES	108.7	56.2
TOTAL (2) Flat Products	421.8	364.1
TOTAL Finished Steel (Non-Alloy)	431.8	367.5
Source: JPC		