

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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FOR ANSWER ON 03/02/2021

STEEL PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of steel plants in the country and the names of such steel plants on which work is going on at present including Odisha;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up new steel plants in near future in Odisha for generating/increasing employment opportunities;
- (c) if so, the time by which the said plants are likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (d) whether the import of steel has increased during the last few years, if so, the details thereof and its effects on domestic market and indigenous steel?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The total number of steel plants producing crude steel in the country during 2019-20 is 914. In the public sector, work is currently going on in NMDC Steel Plant in Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh, which is a Greenfield steel plant.

(b)&(c): Steel being a deregulated sector, decisions relating to setting up of steel units are taken by individual steel producers in private or public sector, based on commercial consideration and market dynamics.

(d) The details of import of finished steel and production of finished steel in the country in last three years and current year i.e. April-December, 2020 are as following:-

Import of Finished Steel		Production of Finished Steel (mt)
Year	Qty. (mt)	
2017-18	7.48	95.01
2018-19	7.84	101.29
2019-20	6.77	102.62
April-December, 2020*	3.21	66.56
Source: JPC; mt=million tonnes; * provisional		

Import of steel has reduced in the last three years whereas domestic steel production has been increasing except during the current year following the Covid-19 pandemic. Import of certain steel grades which are not manufactured or manufactured in adequate quantity in the country is made for supporting the manufacturing sector as well as the country's export of machinery, automobiles etc.
