

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Data on consumption of steel for the last three years is given below, which indicates the increasing trends in consumption of total finished steel:—

Year	Consumption of total finished Steel (MT)
2014-15	76.99
2015-16	81.52
2016-17*	83.65
April-May 2017	13.79

\* provisional,  
MT-million tonnes.

Source: JPC.

National Steel Policy, 2017 and policy for providing preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron and Steel products have been notified on 8th May, 2017 which provide conducive environment for development of domestic steel sector leading to increased consumption of steel in the country.

### **Recession in Steel Industry**

1259. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the recession in Steel Industry; and
- (b) if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Recession is a situation in which there is absolute decline in production for a sustained period of time. The domestic steel industry, however, has shown growth in both crude steel production and finished steel consumption as per details given below:—

Year	Crude Steel Production (in MT)	Growth %	Total finished steel consumption (in MT)	Growth%
1	2	3	4	5
2013-14	81.69	4.2	74.09	0.8
2014-15	88.98	8.9	76.99	3.9

1	2	3	4	5
2015-16	89.79	0.9	81.25	5.9
2016-17 (Prov.)	97.44	8.5	83.65	2.6
April-May 2017 (Prov.)	16.44	4.8	13.80	4.2

(Source: JPC)

### Expansion of Nagarnaar Steel Plant

1260. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expansion of Nagarnaar Steel Plant is being carried out, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the area of land acquired for this expansion work and the area of land out of total land acquired belongs to tribals; and

(c) whether Government has provided compensation, rehabilitation and job to the displaced tribals, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) No, Sir. There is no plan for expansion of Nagarnaar Steel Plant.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

### Bringing down cost of steel production

1261. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's steel products are costlier than other nations like China which hampers consumption; and

(b) if so, measures taken by Government to bring down the cost of steel production in India and make it more competitive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) In a deregulated steel sector, the role of Government is limited to that of a facilitator for creating a conducive environment for the growth of steel industry