

Item	Quantity in thousand tonnes			
	2016-17		2017-18	
	Production (Net)*	Imports	Production (Net)*	Imports
Total (Non-Alloy)	80602	5366	84446	5636
Total (Alloy+Stainless)	5871	1861	7905	1846
Total (Finished Steel)	86473	7227	92351	7482

Note: \*Excludes double counting (transfer to down stream prodn.)

(c) to (e) No, Sir. There was no surge in imports of steel during the course of the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18. In fact India was a net exporter of steel in both the years 2016-17 and 2017-18.

#### **Census of weavers and handlooms**

1754. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has selected any agency for census and issue of Photo Identity Card (ID) for weavers and handlooms;

(b) if so, the detailed timeline thereof;

(c) when are the results of census going to be released; and

(d) the reasons for delay in coming out with a census of weavers and handlooms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (d) M/s Karvy Data Management Services Limited, Hyderabad has been selected by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms for conducting fourth Nationwide Census for Handloom and issue of Photo Identity Cards to Handloom weavers. Work was awarded to agency on 4th January 2017 with timeline of one year. Enumeration work is at final stage of completion by seeking cooperation of the State Governments in identifying the left out Handloom pockets, if any. 100% validation of enumerated data through respective State is also under progress, before final publication of the report.

#### **DIP in Textile Exports**

1755. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile exports dipped by four per cent in financial year 2017-18 to 2.28 lakh crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the financial year prior to the above, the textile exports stood at ₹ 2,38,168 crore;