

Steps to increase production of steel

1918. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government is currently taking to increase the production of steel; and

(b) the percentage of domestic requirement that is currently being fulfilled through imports?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Steel industry is a de-regulated sector. Indian steel companies take their own decisions based on commercial and market dynamics. Government has brought National Steel Policy (NSP), 2017, Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI & SP) Policy, Steel Scrap Policy and encouraged domestic steel usage in Government procurement. Quality Control Orders have been notified towards prevention of unfair trade practices.

(b) During the year 2018-2019, the total steel import constituted 7.9% of total demand of finished steel in the country. The total production, consumption and import of finished steel for the year 2018-2019 is as under:-

Total Finished Steel (MT)			
Year	Consumption	Import	Percentage of Import to Consumption
2018-2019	98.71	7.84	7.9%

Source: JPC

Steel production capacity of the country

1919. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the steel production capacity of the country at present including the details of the units engaged in steel production and mining;

(b) the places where Government, Semi-Government and Non-Government units are producing steel, State-wise;

(c) whether the production of these plants/units is adequate;

(d) if not, whether Government has any plan to set up new steel plants in the country; and

(e) if so, the names of the places where Government proposes to set up new steel plants?