

Proposals from Madhya Pradesh related to various works

‡2719. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals related to various works received by the Ministry from Government of Madhya Pradesh in last five years and details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for pendency of the proposal received from State Government;

(c) whether any timeline has been fixed for the disposal of said proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Ministry of Steel has not received any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh in last five years.

Slowdown in steel production

2720. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a slowdown in steel production in the country during the current financial year;

(b) what is the reason for the slowdown; and

(c) whether Government is doing anything to bail out the steel industry?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Steel is a de-regulated sector. Indian steel companies take their own decisions based on commercial considerations and market dynamics. The Government acts as a facilitator for development of steel sector in the country. Government has brought National Steel Policy, 2017, Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products Procurement (DMI&SP) Policy, Steel Scrap Policy, Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) and has encouraged domestic steel usage. Quality Control Orders have been notified towards prevention of unfair trade practices.

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