

Steel Scrap Policy, Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) alongwith Government's push for better infrastructure such as railways, roads, 'Housing for All by 2022', piped water to every household etc. to increase steel consumption and consequent production in the country.

Renovation and upgradation of the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium

2877. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for renovation and upgradation of the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium in Rourkela as the Government of Odisha in partnership with Hockey India will be hosting the Hockey Men's World Cup-2023 and the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium at Rourkela which is under the Rourkela Steel Plant which has been selected as one of the venues to host the matches; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) received a Joint visit report of officials of State Government and Hockey India. The Joint visit report has been examined by Rourkela Steel Plant. As per the list of renovation/up-gradation activities in the visit report, a tentative estimate of approx ` 56.24 crores has been prepared for renovation and up-gradation of existing facilities of the present stadium along with other associated facilities.

Taking into account the requirement of domain expertise and budgetary constraint for the renovation and up-gradation of the stadium to world class standards for this mega event, Rourkela Steel Plant took up the issue with the concerned authority(ies) of State Government of Odisha for Budgetary and Technical support from State Government.

Retail network of SAIL

2878. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is considering to set up retail network of the country in many States to promote the sale of TMT bars;

(b) if so, the details thereof;