

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2558
FOR ANSWER ON 20/12/2021

CONSUMPTION OF REFINED STEEL

2558. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total consumption of refined steel in the country during the financial year 2020-21;
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to increase the production capacity of steel at domestic level; and
- (c) the manner in which "Make in India" and "PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan" are playing an important role in accelerating the pace of growth in the steel sector?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)to(c): The details of total consumption of finished steel during 2020-21 is as below: -

Consumption of Total Finished Steel (alloy/stainless + non-alloy)	
Year	Quantity (in mt)
2020-21	94.89
Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); mt=million tonnes	

Steel being a deregulated sector, specific decisions regarding increasing the production capacity of steel is taken by individual steel companies/investors based on commercial considerations and market dynamics. However, with a view to increase the domestic production of Steel, the Government has taken the following steps:-

- i. Notification of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting procurement of Made in India steel.
- ii. Notification of Steel Scrap Recycling Policy to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap.
- iii. Government has approved the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Speciality Steel with the objective of promoting manufacturing of such steel grades within the country and help the Indian steel industry mature in terms of technology as well as move up the value chain. It will also help the Indian steel industry to reduce the import of speciality steel.

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- iv. Engagement with relevant stakeholders including Railways, Defence, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Agriculture and Rural Development sectors to enhance the steel usage and overall demand for steel in the country.
- v. In order to promote self reliance, Make in India and to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME's) the Government has made an amendment in Rule 161(iv) of General Finance Rules (GFR), 2017.
- vi. The 'Make in India' and the recently announced PM GatiShakti Master Plan boost the demand of steel for infrastructure development including the expansion of the road transport and highways sector, increase in cargo handling by Indian Railways, increase in cargo capacity at the ports, Regional Air Connectivity Scheme 'UDAN' in the civil aviation sector, enhancing Power Generation including increased proportion from renewable energy sources, and power transmission capacity, connecting all states with natural gas pipeline, and expansion of optical fiber cable in the telecommunication sector etc.
