

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Group on Secondary Steel Industry under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Steel

Date and Time: 3rd April 2023; 04.30 PM

List of participants is enclosed.

Fourth meeting of the Advisory Group for Secondary Steel Industry (SSI), chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Steel and co-chaired by Hon'ble Minister of State for Steel, was held on 3rd April 2023; 04.30 PM.

Hon'ble Minister of Steel welcomed the participants. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Action taken report on issues raised by industries/association (Presentation by Ministry of Steel) - (Placed at Annexure -1)
2. Circular economy in Iron and Steel Sector: A presentation on Circular economy in Iron and Steel Sector was made by Shri Sanjay Mehta, President MRAI.
3. Transition Towards Green Steel: A presentation on Transition Towards Green Steel was made by Shri Sachit Jain, MD, Vardhman Steel Pvt. Ltd.
4. Proposed structure for PLI-2.0: The issue of inclusion of grades of steel and proposed structure for PLI-2.0 was discussed.

Hon'ble Minister of Steel thanked all the participants for attending the meeting.

Actionable points arising out of the meeting are summarized as below:

Action to be taken by the Ministry on issues highlighted

S.No.	Issues Discussed in meeting	Action to be taken by the Ministry
1	Production Linked incentive scheme for Defence Sector	Ministry to make a case study after holding consultations with SSI
2	Non-Tariff Barriers (DFARS)	
3	Higher import Duties in the MERCOSUR region	
4	Safety and related issues in secondary steel sector	

Action to be taken by the Secondary Steel Industry on issues highlighted

S.No.	Issues Discussed in meeting	Action to be taken by SSI
1	Circular economy in Iron and Steel Sector	SSI to make a presentation with a detailed roadmap seeking specific intervention.
2	Transition Towards Green Steel	
3	Inclusion of grades of steel and proposed structure for PLI-2.0	Industry to come up with suggestions for addition to steel grades in PLI 2.0

Advisory Committee for Integrated Steel Plant

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

S. No	Name	Designation	Organization/Ministry
1	Shri Rajamani Krishnamurti	President	Indian Stainless Steel Development , Association, (ISSDA), Gurgaon
2	Shri Tarun Baldua	Chairman	Cold Rolled Steel manufacturers Association of India (COR SMA), New Delhi
3	Shri Sanjay Mehta	President	Material Recycling Association of India, Mumbai
4	Shri Sridhar Krishnamoorthy	Managing Director	Arjas Steel Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh
5	Shri Sachit Jain	Managing Director	Vardhman Steel, Ludhiana Punjab
6	Shri M.K. Gupta	Managing Director	Star Wire India Ltd., Faridabad
7	Shri Anand N Sarda	Managing Director	Sharda Shree Ispat Ltd., Nagpur
8	Shri Pranav Bhardwaj	Chairman	Alloy Steel Producers Association of India
9	Shri Gowri Sankara Rao Naramsetti	Director (Finance)	MIDHANI

Action Taken Report

Sl. No.	Issues Discussed	Action Taken by MoS
1	Production Linked Incentive Scheme for steel in Defense Sector	Ministry of Steel has sought inputs for PLI 2.0.
2	Non Tariff Barriers (DFARS)	Ministry of Steel has sought inputs
3	Higher import Duties in the MERCOSUR region	Ministry of Steel has sought inputs
4	Safety and related issues in secondary steel sector	Ministry of Steel has sought inputs
5	Quotas on Import from EU	Dept of Commerce has been apprised to take appropriate action.
6	GST with Reverse Charge Mechanism to be levied on scrap	Matter under consideration of Ministry of Finance.

7	Steel sector to have sector-specific linkages for thermal coal	<p>Sector specific linkages cannot be considered in view of cabinet decision in Feb-22.</p> <p>Companies can participate in future auctions.</p>
8	Supply of natural gas to steel sector - with specific reference to the Jagdishpur-Haldia natural gas pipeline to supply to the secondary sector.	The matter has already been taken up as a critical infrastructure gap under PM-Gati Shakti.
9	RODTEP scheme to be extended to steel sector	Matter taken up with DGFT and D/o Commerce as advised by Ministry of Finance
10	Basic Customs Duty on Manganese ore and Chrome ore to be abolished and roadmap to increase production and exploration of manganese	Was not considered by Ministry of Finance.