

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Advisory Group for Integrated Steel Plants (ISP) under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Steel.

Date and Time: 4th January, 2023 at 9.00 AM

List of participants is enclosed

6th meeting of the Advisory Group for **Integrated Steel Plants (ISP)** chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Steel was held on 4th January, 2023.

- 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 -I)
2. A Presentation on Roadmap to ensure availability of 161MT of Coking coal for future expansion of steel industry to 300MT capacity as per NSP 2017 was made by ISA. It was agreed upon that future course of action may be charted for exploring the possibility of expanding the sources of coking coal especially from Russia, Mongolia and Canada and USA.
3. A Presentation on 'Utilization of low grade iron ore – Iron Ore Beneficiation' was made by Mr. Sumit Deb, CMD, NMDC. HSM suggested that ISA should come up with medium term and long term strategy to use low grade iron along with incentive structure.
4. A presentation was made on Royalty over Royalty by ISA. It was decided that this Ministry and ISA will take up the matter with Ministry of Mines.
5. HSM suggested that ISA should provide a note on surge in Imports and suggest measures to curtail the same.
6. Hon'ble Minister of Steel thanked all the participants for attending the meeting.

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

| S. No. | Issues Discussed | Action to be taken by ISA |
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| 1 | Ensuring availability of coking coal | Exploring the alternative coking coal sources especially in USA, Canada, Mongolia and Russia. |
| 2 | Utilization of low grade Iron ore | ISA should come up with medium term and long term strategy to use low grade iron along with incentive structure. |
| 3 | Surge in Imports and the way to curtail it | ISA has to provide a comprehensive note |

Advisory Group for Integrated Steel Plants

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

| S. No | Name | Designation | Organization/Ministry |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Ms Soma Mondal | Chairperson | SAIL |
| 2 | Mr Atul Bhatt | CMD | RINL |
| 3 | Mr Sumit Deb | CMD | NMDC |
| 4 | Mr Naveen Jindal | Chairman | Jindal Steel and Power Ltd |
| 5 | Mr Dilip Oommen | CEO | Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel |
| 6 | Mr Abhyuday Jindal | MD | Jindal Stainless Steel |
| 7 | Ms Aruna Sharma | Former Secretary | M/o Steel |
| 8 | Mr Alok Sahay | Secretary General | Indian Steel Association (ISA) |
| 9 | Prof. Sanjay Chandra | Professor | IIT Mumbai |

ACTION TAKEN

| S. No. | Issues Emerged | Action Taken by MoS |
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| 1 | Priority in rake allotment to steel sector by railways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritized allotment and movement of railway rakes to power sector presently, • Ministry of Steel has engaged with Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Coal & Ministry of Power to enable meeting the requirement of Steel industries. • Against the requirement of about 105 BOXN rakes per day, shortfall of about 36 rakes was noticed in the beginning of December 2022. • At the end of December 2022, there has been slight improvement in availability of BOXN rakes with shortfall coming to about 31 rakes per day. |
| 2 | ROW issues for laying slurry pipelines adjacent to railway track | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Steel has engaged with Ministry of Railway for allowing laying of slurry pipeline on the vacant land along the existing railway lines. • MoR agreed to examine development of business model for either laying pipeline themselves or through stakeholders. • MoR is yet to conclude and come up with this business proposition. |