

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

Date and Time:13th December 2022; 11 AM

List of participants is enclosed.

Third 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 13th December 2022.

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)
 - i. Seven items were considered completed or not on high priority
 - ii. Following four items are work in progress.

S. No in ATR	Issue
1	GST with Reverse Charge Mechanism to be levied on scrap
3	Supply of natural gas to steel sector – with specific reference to the Jagdishpur-Haldia natural gas pipeline to supply to the secondary sector
4	RoDTEP scheme to be extended to steel sector
5	Basic Customs Duty on Manganese ore and Chrome ore to be abolished and roadmap to increase production and exploration of manganese

2. Presentation on Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Specialty Steel was made by Mr. M.K. Gupta, MD, Star Wire Pvt. Ltd. followed by presentation on safety and related issues in secondary steel sector by Shri Anannd Sarda, Shardashree Ispat Ltd. and Mr. Sachit Jain, MD, Vardhman Steel Pvt. Ltd.

3. Agenda for the next meeting (date to be communicated later) of the Advisory Group, will be as follows:

Presentation to be done on the following topics:

Topic	Responsibility
Circular economy in Iron and Steel Sector	Presentation to be made by Mr Sanjay Mehta, President MRAI, Mr Sachit Jain, MD, Vardhman Steel, Mr Deependra Kashiva, DG, SIMA and Mr Sridhar Krishna Moorthy, MD, Arjas Steel Pvt. Ltd.
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4. 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 in previous meetings

S. No.	Issues highlighted in previous meetings	Action to be taken by the Ministry
1	GST with Reverse Charge Mechanism to be levied on scrap	Ministry of Steel to pursue the matter with Ministry of Finance
2	Supply of natural gas to steel sector – with specific reference to the Jagdishpur-Haldia natural gas pipeline to supply to the secondary sector	Ministry of Steel to pursue the matter with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
3	RoDTEP scheme to be extended to steel sector	Ministry of Steel to pursue the matter with Ministry of Finance
4	Basic Customs Duty on Manganese ore and Chrome ore to be abolished and roadmap to increase production and exploration of manganese	Ministry of Steel to pursue the matter with Ministry of Finance

Action to be taken by the Ministry on issues highlighted in meeting dated 13.12.2022

S. No.	Issues Discussed in meeting dated 13.12.2022	Action to be taken by the Ministry
1	Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Defence Sector	Committee constituting members from Integrated Steel Plants, Secondary Steel Industry and this Ministry to be nominated by Secretary, Steel
2	Non Tariff Barriers (DFARS)	
3	Section 232 tariffs on Indian Steels in the US	
4	Quota tariff regime in the EU	
5	Higher import Duties in the MERCOSUR region	
6	Safety and related issues in secondary steel sector	Committee constituting members from Integrated Steel Plants, Secondary Steel Industry and this Ministry to be nominated by Secretary, Steel

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Advisory Group for Secondary Steel Industry

List of Participants

S No.	Name & Designation	Organization
1	Mr Kamal Aggarwal, Secretary General	All India Induction Furnace Association (AIIFA), New Delhi
2	Mr Deependra Kashiva, Director General	Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association (SIMA), New Delhi
3	Mr Rajamani Krishnamurti, President	Indian Stainless Steel Development, Association, (ISSDA), Gurgaon
4	Mr Tarun Baldua, Chairman	Cold Rolled Steel Manufacturers Association of India (CORSMA), New Delhi
5	Mr Sanjay Mehta, President	Material Recycling Association of India, Mumbai
6	Mr Sridhar Krishna Moorthy, Managing Director	Arjas Steel Pvt. Ltd. Andhra Pradesh
7	Mr Sachit Jain, Managing Director	Vardhman Steel, Ludhiana Punjab
8	Mr Manish Sarda, Chairman	Indian Ferro Alloy Producers Association (IFAPA)
9	Mr Vinod Vashisht, President	All India Steel Re-rollers Association (AISRA), New Delhi
10	Mr M K Gupta, Managing Director	Star Wire India Ltd., Faridabad
11	Mr Anannd N Sarda Managing Director	Shardashree Ispat Ltd. Nagpur

S No.	Issues Discussed	Action Taken by the Ministry
1	GST with Reverse Charge Mechanism to be levied on scrap	Under examination in Ministry of Finance
2	Steel sector to have sector-specific linkages for thermal coal	Coal mines are being auctioned
3	Supply of natural gas to steel sector – with specific reference to the Jagdishpur-Haldia natural gas pipeline to supply to the secondary sector	Has been taken up as a critical infrastructure gap under PM-Gati Shakti
4	RoDTEP scheme to be extended to steel sector	MoS supports the proposal of Ministry of Commerce. Under consideration of Ministry of Finance
5	Basic Customs Duty on Manganese ore and Chrome ore to be abolished and roadmap to increase production and exploration of manganese	Included in Budget proposal
6	Domestic steel companies to be permitted to participate in tenders meant for export of steel semis	
7	Renewal of FSA for coal which have since expired	Under examination in Ministry of coal
8	Quotas on import from EU (similar to those imposed by EU)	Under examination in Ministry of Commerce
9	High alloy/Specialty steel to be exempted from export duty	Export duty removed
10	Increase in export under HS code 7225	No longer relevant
11	Export duty on pellets	Export duty removed.