

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
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ACCESS FOR STEEL IN FOREIGN MARKETS

1258. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to get access in Middle East and Northern Africa by focusing on United Arab Emirates or getting benefit of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) from companies; and
- (b) the details of the meetings held with leading businessmen of steel production and logistic industries of the United Arab Emirates?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)&(b): The government has taken several measures to get enhanced market access to Middle East and Northern Africa and to get benefit of India-UAE CEPA, which, inter-alia, includes the following:-

- I. The Government has taken initiative and explored possibilities of establishment of a 'BharatMart' at Jabel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA), DP World, Dubai, to facilitate presence of Indian exporters/companies in Dubai to tap Dubai's re-export potential to Middle East and Northern Africa.
- II. The Government has facilitated visits and participation of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) to Dubai in various trade exhibitions and for business exchanges by organizing sector specific buyer-seller Meets.
- III. During the recent visit to the United Arab Emirates during the World Expo 2020, the delegation from Ministry of Steel held one-to-one meetings and interactive sessions with leading players from steel producers, consumers and logistic industries to explore investment opportunities in the Indian steel sector, to understand the possibilities of collaboration to increase steel trade between both countries, and to make optimum use of the advantages offered under the India-UAE CEPA by highlighting the capabilities, maturity and strengths of Indian steel industry.
