

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.147
FOR ANSWER ON 03/02/2020**

STEEL PLANTS IN BIHAR

147. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of steel plants in the country and the names of such steel plants on which work is going on at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up new steel plants in near future in Darbhanga in Bihar for generating/increasing employment opportunities;
- (c) if so, the time by which the said plants are likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (d) whether the import of steel has increased during the last few years and if so, the details thereof and its effects on domestic market and indigenous steel?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The total number of steel plants in the country is 977. In the public sector, work is currently going on in NMDC Steel Plant in Nagarnar, Chattisgarh which is a Greenfield steel plant.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. Steel is a deregulated sector where market forces and commercial considerations decide construction of new steel plants.

(d) The import of steel has increased marginally in the last 3 years from 7.23 Million Tonnes in 2016-17 to 7.84 Million Tonnes in 2018-19 as shown table below:-

Import of Steel (in MT)	
Year	Import
2016-17	7.23
2017-18	7.48
2018-19	7.84
Source: JPC	

However, domestic steel production has consistently increased regardless of such imports. Import of certain steel grades which are not manufactured or manufactured in adequate quantity in the country is required for supporting manufacturing sector as well as the country's export of machinery, automobiles etc.
