

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2094**  
**FOR ANSWER ON 03/08/2015**

**FORUM FOR STEEL SECTOR**

2094. DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE:  
SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the reservations expressed by the Steel industry about the economic consequences of entering into the proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has created any platform/forum to discuss the interests of various stakeholders with regard to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and other issues concerning to the steel sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)to(d): Yes, Madam. The Government has received representations from steel industry highlighting concern on including steel tariff lines in the proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The Government has institutionalized a mechanism of conducting regular meetings with all stakeholders including those from the steel sector on RCEP.

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