

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3413
FOR ANSWER ON 15/07/2019

STEEL EXPORTS

3413. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that steel exports to many countries have declined significantly, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to protect our domestic steel industry; and
- (c) whether the Government has diplomatically approached countries such as the US to grant India preferential trade status, if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) In comparison to 2017-18 (9.62 million tonnes), India's total steel export has declined by 34% in 2018-19 and stood at 6.36 million tonnes.
- (b) In order to protect the domestic industry from unfair external competition, appropriate trade measures such as anti dumping duties and countervailing duties have been imposed. Government has also notified 53 Steel and Steel Product (Quality Control) Orders which is applicable for both domestic production as well as imports. The Steel Quality Control Order are implemented in the public interest for protection of human, animal and plant, safety of environment, prevention of unfair trade practices and national security.
- (c) Trade related issues are a part of ongoing economic relationship discussion between India and US.
