

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4021
FOR ANSWER ON 22/12/2021

DECLINE IN STEEL PRODUCTION

4021. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the steel production has registered sharpest decline in the last three years due to slow demand in the automobile and real estate sector and if so, the year-wise details of total steel production; and
- (b) whether the Government acknowledges that the decline in steel production is wholly or partially attributed to slow down in the economy thereof and if so, the steps taken to boost the demand in automobile and real estate sector thereto and if not, the reasons therein?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): There was a reduction in production of steel during the initial months of FY 21 mainly due to covid-19 pandemic induced disruption. However, this has been followed by a V-shaped recovery in production and the monthly production has since reached pre-covid levels. Details of production of crude steel in India during the last three years and current year are given as follows:-

Year	Crude steel Production (in Million Ton)
2018-19	110.92
2019-20	109.14
2020-21	103.54
2021-22(upto Nov., 21)*	76.44

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); *-prov.

Details of sector wise consumption of total finished steel during last three years is given as follows:-

Domestic Steel Consumption (in Million Ton)			
Sector	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Building & Construction	42.9	43.4	41.0
Infrastructure	24.4	25.1	23.8
Automobile	9.3	8.8	8.4
Engineering & Packaging	21.8	22.0	20.9
Defence	0.4	0.9	0.8
Total	98.7	100.2	94.9

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC)

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Government has laid special emphasis on infrastructure development through schemes like National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), Housing for all, Jal Jeevan Mission, Bharatmala Project, Sagarmala Project, Construction of Dedicated Freight Corridor, UDAN, recently announced PM GatiShakti Master plan etc. The Ministry has also been engaging stakeholders from various sectors such as Housing & Construction, Infrastructure, Urban Development, Railways, Defence, Oil & Gas, Civil Aviation, Rural Development, Agriculture, Dairying and Food Processing etc. with a view to promote usage of steel and to boost the demand in Construction/ Infrastructure and Automobile sector as per details given below:-

- (i) Workshop organized in February, 2020 at New Delhi, Mumbai and Bhubaneshwar in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry (METI), Japan by engaging Japanese experts.
- (ii) Webinar organized on 30.6.2020 with Indian Developers, Builders, Designers, Consultants, Fabricators, Academicians from IITs and steel producers to enhance steel usage in the country especially in construction sector.
- (iii) Webinar held on 18.8.2020 with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Ministry of Civil Aviation to foster steel usage in Housing construction sector.
- (iv) Constitution of a Committee of experts from INSDAG, IITs, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and industry experts for development of designs for long span (30m, 35m, and 40m) steel-based Bridges.
- (v) A Joint Working Group (JWG) having members from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA), Ministry of Skill Development, Ministry of Steel, BIS, CPWD, Technical Institutions (IITs) and from Industry has also been setup for fostering steel usage in Housing and Construction sector to develop standardized design and layouts of housing configurations with Steel structure with estimated cost, as adopted in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) houses.
- (vi) Engaging Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC), multiple automobile players and Indian steel players to understand possibility of competitively priced domestic manufacturing and procurement of auto grade steel in India.
