

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.79
FOR ANSWER ON 04/02/2019

PROMOTION OF STEEL SECTOR

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the improvements registered in steel production in the country under the Make in India scheme;
- (b) the manner in which the steel import tariff barriers put in place by the USA are affecting the demand and supply of domestic steel in international markets;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government in equipping SAIL and other PSUs with safeguards against such international protectionist measures;
- (d) whether there have been allegations of low quality steel being produced for the market, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to resolve the aforementioned issue; and
- (e) the details and the status of the projects to be undertaken/being undertaken under the Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) The Government has notified the National Steel Policy, 2017 and the Policy for Providing Preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron and Steel (DMI&SP) in Government procurement, which create facilitative environment to improve domestic production and consumption of steel. The total steel production in the country has increased from 88.98 MT in 2014-15 to 103.13 MT in 2017-18.

(b) India has not been much impacted by the tariff imposed by USA since India's exports to the USA were just around 2.2% before the imposition of the tariff.

(c) With a view to provide relief to the domestic industry, Government took the following measures:-

- Increased Customs Duty on steel in two phases-in June'15 and Aug.'15, by 2.5% each.
- Minimum Import Price (MIP) imposed on specified steel products in Feb.'16. MIP has since expired in Feb.'17.
- Govt. of India imposed 20% Safeguard Duty on Hot Rolled Coils, provisionally in Sept.'15 and finally notifying it in August, 2016.
- Govt. of India imposed Safeguard Duty on Hot Rolled not in Coils, provisionally in Aug. and finally in Nov.'16.
- Govt. imposed Anti dumping measures for HR Coils provisionally in Aug.'16 and finally notified in May'17.
- Govt. imposed Anti dumping measures for CR Coils provisionally in Aug.'16 and finally notified in May'17.
- Govt. imposed Anti dumping measures for Wire rods provisionally in Sep.'16 and finally notified in Oct.'17.
- Government imposed Anti dumping duties for Colour Coated Steel provisionally in Jan.'17 and final notification issued in Oct.'17.

- Sunset review of SS Cold Rolled 600-1250mm wherein duties extended upto 2020. On China, additional Countervailing Duty (CVD) @18.95% for 5 years from Sept.'17.
- Government imposed Anti dumping duties on SS Hot Rolled products in March'14 valid upto 2020. On China, additional CVD@18.95% for 5 years from Sept.'17.

(d) Government of India has issued Quality Control Orders namely Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2018 covering 47 carbon/alloy steel and 6 stainless steel products. The Quality Control Order prohibits manufacturing / import of sub-standard / seconds and defective products.

(e) Steel Research and Technological Mission of India (SRTMI) is a registered society under Society Act XXI of 1860. The R&D Projects to be undertaken are decided by the Governing Board of the Society.
