

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2550
FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.2025

NOCs FOR STEEL IMPORTS

2550. Shri Saket Gokhale:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel importers require a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the import of grades of steel that are not presently covered under the existing Quality Control Orders (QCOs), if so, the details of the process required to be followed for obtaining an NOC; and

(b) whether the Ministry has received any complaints or concerns regarding the process of obtaining NOCs for import of steel grades not covered under QCOs, if so, the details of the areas of concerns raised and the steps taken to address them?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)&(b): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in consultation with Ministry of Steel has been taking steps to ensure that only quality steel is produced in the country or imported from outside. In this direction, 151 BIS standards have been notified and have been covered by Quality Control Orders (QCOs) by Ministry of Steel to ensure that only quality steel is made available to the end users & the public at large. Any import of steel from outside can be done with a BIS licence. However, some steel grades, which are not yet covered by BIS standards, can be imported with a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Ministry of Steel. The NOC is being issued in advance based on the intended quantities to be imported for the next six months. Applicants seeking NOC are required to submit their application online through the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) Portal. Ministry of Steel decides applications for advance NOCs on a regular basis, in a time-bound manner, as per the prescribed norms.
