GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1104 FOR ANSWER ON 27/12/2017

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTRY

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any new and specific policy initiative after June, 2014 to achieve the overall objectives of the Ministry, if so, the details of these initiatives and what is the overall impact of these initiatives; and
- (b) whether Government has introduced any major administrative reforms specifically to achieve the objectives of the Ministry in its functioning after May, 2014 and if so, the details thereof and what has been their impact?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a)&(b): The Government has inter-alia taken following major policy initiatives and administrative steps since 2014:-
- i) Notification of National Steel Policy, 2017 (NSP 2017) on 8th May, 2017.
- ii) Notification of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy on 8th May, 2017.
- iii) In order to address the challenge of unfair trade, the Government took trade measures such as anti dumping duties, safeguard duties.
- iv) Imposed temporary introduction of Minimum Import Price in 2016.
- v) Notified the Quality Control Orders which makes the use of BIS standards mandatory for all steel products and imports.

As a result of the above measures the dumping of cheap steel products in the country was contained and price realisation improved. Further, Import of total finished steel during the year 2016-17 has declined by 38.3% over the previous year 2015-16 and the export of total finished steel has increased by 102 % in the year 2016-17 over the previous year.
