

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1409
FOR ANSWER ON 03/07/2019

PROJECTS UNDER SRTMI

1409. SHRI M.P VEERENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

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

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Since the imposition of tariffs by US, there have been noticeable changes in the supply and demand of domestic steel in international market. While import has risen by 5% in 2018-19 vis-à-vis 2017-18, export of finished steel has declined by 34% during the same period.
- (b) In order to safeguard domestic steel players including Steel PSUs, Government has imposed antidumping duties and countervailing duties on certain steel products.
- (c) Certification and enforcement of standards is done by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). To ensure only quality steel is produced or imported into the country, the Ministry of Steel has notified Steel and Steel Products Quality Control (QC) Orders.
- (d) SRTMI actively works with the Ministry of Steel to address various issues of primary and secondary sector.
