GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

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NATIONAL STEEL POLICY

1729. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of recent developments with regard to expanding steel production as envisaged in National Steel Policy, 2017;
- (b) what are some of the major accomplishments of National Steel Policy, 2017 in past four years;
- (c) whether the implementation of this policy was impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) National Steel Policy, 2017 envisages development of a technologically advanced and globally competitive steel industry that promotes self-sufficiency in steel production. Steel being a de-regulated sector, government acts as facilitator, by creating enabling environment for development of steel sector. In line with the National Steel Policy, 2017, various initiatives taken by the Government are as following:-
- (i) Notification of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting procurement of Made in India steel.
- (ii) Notification of Steel Scrap Recycling Policy to enhance the availability of domestically generated scrap.
- (iii) Issuance of Steel Quality Control Order to stop manufacturing and import of non-standardized steel.
- (iv) Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) for advanced registration of steel imports.
- (v) Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel with an outlay of ₹6,322 crores.
- (vi) Engagement with various stakeholders including industry associations and leaders of domestic steel industry to address their issues by the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government and State Governments.
- (vii) Engagement with relevant stakeholders including from Railways, Defence, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Agriculture and Rural Development sectors to enhance the steel usage and overall demand for steel in the country.
- (viii) Establishment of Project Development Cell in the Ministry to attract and facilitate investment in the steel sector

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(b)to(d): The details of progress in respect of some of the performance parameters during the past four years are as following:-

(i) Crude Steel Capacity and Production.

	Crude Steel							
Year	Capacity (mt)	%change over last year	Production (mt)	%change over last year				
2017-18	137.98	7.6	103.13	5.3				
2018-19	142.24	3.1	110.92	7.6				
2019-20	142.30	0.0	109.14	-1.6				
2020-21	143.91	1.1	103.54	-5.1				
2021-22 (AprNov.)	143.91#	-	76.44	21.1				

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC);

#capacity is reported for complete fiscal year i.e., 2021-22.

(ii) Production and Consumption of total finished steel.

	Total Finished Steel							
Year	Production (mt)	% change over last year	Consumption (mt)	% change over last year				
2017-18	95.01	3.8	90.71	7.9				
2018-19	101.29	6.6	98.71	8.8				
2019-20	102.62	1.3	100.17	1.5				
2020-21	96.20	-6.3	94.89	-5.3				
2021-22 (AprNov.)	72.07	25.5	66.37	20.4				
Source: JPC								

(iii) Per capita consumption of total finished steel.

Year	Per Capita Consumption of total Finished Steel - (kg)					
2017-18	69.0					
2018-19	74.4					
2019-20	74.7					
2020-21	70.0					
2021-22 (ApNov.)(e)	72.3					
Source: JPC; e=estimated						

(iv) Import and Export of Finished Steel.

Year	Total Finis (alloy/stainle alloy) Volu	ess + non-	Total Finished Steel (alloy/stainless + non- alloy) Value (Rs Crores)			
	Import	Export	Import	Export		
2017-18	7.48	9.62	39484	35265		
2018-19	7.84	6.36	49317	46629		
2019-20	6.77	8.36	44683	33153		
2020-21	4.75	10.78	32154	36726		
April- November 2021*	3.06	9.53	28579	69720		
Source: JPC;*provisional						

(v) Reduction in greenhouse gas (CO2) emission.

Year	Specific CO2 emission:					
	(t/tcs)					
2018-19	2.55					
2019-20	2.48					
2020-21	2.49					
