

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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FOR ANSWER ON 01/08/2018

IMPORT OF CHEAP STEEL FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the indiscriminate import of cheap steel from foreign countries has affected the indigenous steel industry as their inventory has been piling up;
- (b) if so, the details of the indigenous production of various categories of steel and imports during the last two years;
- (c) whether there is surge in imports, if so, how it has affected the indigenous steel industry;
- (d) whether the steel industry has taken up the matter with Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) No, Sir. The imports of steel for the past two years namely 2016-17 and 2017-18 has been stable and there was a marginal increase of 3.5% in finished steel imports in 2017-18 (7.48 million tonnes) over 2016-17 levels (7.23 million tonnes).

(b) The category wise production and imports for the last two years have been shown in the tables below:-

Item	QUANTITY IN THOUSAND TONNES			
	2016-17		2017-18	
	Production (Net)*	Imports	Production (Net)*	Imports
TOTAL (NON-ALLOY)	80602	5366	84446	5636
TOTAL (ALLOY + STAINLESS)	5871	1861	7905	1846
TOTAL (Finished Steel)	86473	7227	92351	7482

Note: * Excludes double counting (transfer to down stream prodn.)

(c)to(e): No, Sir. There was no surge in imports of steel during the course of the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18. In fact India was a net exporter of steel in both the years 2016-17 and 2017-18.
