

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2053**  
FOR ANSWER ON 10/07/2019

**QUALITY CONTROL REGULATIONS ON TINPLATE AND TIN-FREE  
STEEL**

2053. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to impose quality control regulations on tinplate and tin-free steel, nearly four years after it unsuccessfully tried to do so;
- (b) whether this move is aimed to act as a non-tariff barrier to curb imports of the material and is prompted by the tinplate manufacturers lobby in India who claim to have abundant domestic capacity; and
- (c) whether the MSME sector feels that it will be counter-productive to bring this sector under mandatory quality certification test?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Imposition of Quality Control Orders under BIS Act is an ongoing exercise.
- (b) Quality Control Orders are implemented to ensure that quality products are available and no sub-standard/ defective steel is manufactured or imported in the country. The imposition of QCO is in the public interest or for the protection of human, animal or plant health, safety of the environment, or prevention of unfair trade practices, or national security as stated in the BIS Act, 2016. The Production, import & consumption of Prime & Non- Prime tinplate in metric tonne, during 2017-18 is as follows:-

<b>Quality</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Import</b>	<b>Consumption</b>	<b>% Usage</b>
Prime	392064	65330	457394	73.3%
Non Prime	39453	126810	166263	26.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>431517</b>	<b>192140</b>	<b>623657</b>	

Source: Joint Plant Committee

- (c) There are representations from a few MSME Associations regarding concerns of cost and competitiveness of the MSME produced products.

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