

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2220**  
FOR ANSWER ON 14/03/2018

**INDIA AS A MAJOR DESTINATION FOR STEEL INVESTORS**

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is going to be a major destination for steel investors;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that domestic steel companies have to sustain by being competitive;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many domestic steel companies were suffering from huge losses and have become bank loan defaulters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Indian steel market is growing in size due to its increased use in infrastructure and construction sectors. In order to cater to the increasing steel demand in the country, the Govt. of India is committed to facilitate any foreign/private investment in the steel sector.

(b) Steel is a de-regulated sector and the Government plays the role of facilitator for the domestic steel industry. The steel companies on their own, need to remain competitive by sourcing their raw materials from low cost destinations or acquire mines for raw material security, improve their plant's efficiency and scalability and identify pockets where steel demand exists in order to sustain in a long term.

(c)&(d): Recently 5 steel companies which were under financial stress have been referred under NCLT, namely Bhushan Steel, Essar Steel, Electrosteel, Bhushan Power & Steel and Monnet Ispat.

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