GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2874

FOR ANSWER ON 28/03/2022

STEEL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total steel production through Government Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during the last three years;
- (b) the initiatives taken by Government to reduce steel imports during said period;
- (c) whether Government has promoted technological advancement or financially supported PSUs for upgradation to increase productivity to meet the increasing demand for steel; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a) The details of crude steel production through Government Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during the last three years is given below:-

PSU Wise Production of Crude Steel (in million tonnes)			
PSU	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)	16.27	16.16	15.22
Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)	5.23	4.76	4.30
Total PSU	21.50	20.92	19.52
Source: SAIL and RINL			

(b)to(d): Steel is a deregulated sector and the role of the Government is limited to that of a facilitator. Government provide policy guidelines towards a conducive ecosystem for efficiency and address concerns of steel sector. The decisions regarding technological and financial investments are taken by individual companies based on their requirements and commercial considerations and are met from their own resources. During the last three years, Government of India has taken the following measures to reduce the imports:-

- (i) Government has approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for specialty steel with a 5-year financial outlay of ₹6322 Crore to promote the manufacturing of 'Specialty Steel' within the country by attracting capital investment and promote technology up-gradation in the steel sector.
- (ii) With a view to ensure prior availability of granular data like end-use, IS grade etc. regarding steel import, a Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) was notified by DGFT on 5th September, 2019 and became effective from 1st November, 2019, which requires the importer to submit advance information for import of all tariff lines under Chapter-72, 73 and 86.
