

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.310**  
FOR ANSWER ON 03/02/2021

**MECHANISM TO MONITOR STEEL IMPORTS**

310. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has evolved any mechanism to monitor steel imports in the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the details of the progress of such mechanism?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS), an online platform for advance registration of intended imports of steel, was launched by the Government vide Notification dated 05.09.2019.

(b) SIMS is operational w.e.f. 01.11.2019. It provides granular data on steel imports, with an aim to identify the exact grade being imported into the country in order to plan domestic manufacturing, besides giving advance warning about any surge in imports. SIMS was initially applicable for 284 items under Chapter 72, 73 and 86 of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule-I (Import Policy) which has now been extended to cover all HS Codes (items) under Chapter 72, 73 and 86 vide Government's Notification dated 28.09.2020. From the inception of SIMs, there have been 199886 registrations till the end of December, 2020 with self-declared value of 13621 Million USD (\$).

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