

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOR ANSWER ON 05/02/2020

RAW STEEL PRODUCTION

477. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has become the second largest steel producer in the world;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that India's raw steel production has increased by 4.9 per cent in 2018 as compared to 2017; and
- (c) the target set by Government for the production of raw steel for the year 2019-20?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. As per World Steel Association data, India became the second largest steel producer of crude steel after China in 2018 and 2019 by replacing Japan. The details of five leading crude steel producers in the world during 2018 and 2019 are listed below.:-

Top 5 Crude steel producers in the world: 2018, 2019*					
2018			2019*		
Rank	Country	Qty (mt)	Rank	Country	Qty (mt)
1	China	920.0	1	China	996.3
2	India	109.3	2	India	111.2
3	Japan	104.3	3	Japan	99.3
4	USA	86.6	4	USA	87.9
5	South Korea	72.5	5	Russia	71.6

Source: worldsteel, (* Provisional)

(b) India's crude steel production in 2018 was at 109.3 MT, an increase of 7.7 per cent from 101.5 MT in 2017.

(c) Steel being a deregulated sector, the Government does not set any annual targets for steel production. Decision on quantity of steel production is taken by individual companies based on commercial considerations and market requirements.
