GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.480

FOR ANSWER ON 20/11/2019

USE OF DOMESTIC STEEL IN GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

480. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding use of domestic steel in all Government infrastructure projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has come across any instances of non-using of domestic steel in Government infrastructure projects in spite of making it mandatory; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): In Budget speech for financial year 2019-20 the Government has highlighted its intention to spend about Rs.100 Lakh Crore in infrastructure projects such as Highways, ports, airports, housing, piped water to every household etc. All these initiatives shall use steel. According to the Ministry of Steel estimate, total requirement of Steel in the country is likely to rise to about 165 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) by 2024-25.

Through the Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMISP) Policy, 2017, which was later revised in May, 2019, it is now mandatory for Central Government agencies as well as their EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) contractors to use domestically manufactured steel only. This Policy however, does not presently apply to State Governments.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. No instance has come to the notice of Ministry of Steel in respect of Central Government Departments & agencies.
