

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1831
FOR ANSWER ON 13/12/2023

PERFORMANCE OF STEEL SECTOR

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the targets fixed and achieved separately for steel production and domestic consumption since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that steel consumption is very low in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase per capita usage of steel in the country; and
- (d) the details of the import of steel in the country since 2014, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) Steel is a deregulated sector and the targets & production for each year are fixed by the individual steel companies based on market dynamics and commercial considerations. Similarly, the steel consumption in the country is dependent on growth of the steel consuming sectors such as Construction, Infrastructure, Engineering & White Goods, Automotive and Defence. The Government facilitates the steel Industry for fostering steel production and consumption in the country. The details of steel production and consumption in the country, since 2013-14 are given below: -

Year	Total Crude Steel Production (in MT)	Total Finished Steel Consumption (in MT)
2013-14	81.69	74.09
2014-15	88.98	76.99
2015-16	89.79	81.52
2016-17	97.94	84.04
2017-18	103.13	90.71
2018-19	110.92	98.71
2019-20	109.14	100.17
2020-21	103.54	94.89
2021-22	120.29	105.75
2022-23	127.20	119.89

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); MT=million tons

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(b)&(c): India is the 2nd largest consumer of finished steel in the world. During the year 2022-23, the steel consumption in the country was 119.89 MT and per capita steel consumption 86.7 kg. The Government facilitates the steel Industry for fostering steel production and consumption in the country. In that direction, Government has brought National Steel Policy (NSP), 2017 which envisages increase in steel consumption upto 230 MTPA and per capita steel consumption to upto 158 kg by 2030-31. Government's push for infrastructure development through Gati-Shakti Master Plan, 'Make-in-India' initiative for manufacturing sector and other flagship schemes of the Government as well as thrust for improving rate of the growth of the economy provides impetus to the demand and consumption of steel in the country. Ministry of Steel has set up committee of experts from Industry and Technical Institutions (IITs/NITs) for development of steel intensive designs for construction of houses and long span road bridges for fostering steel usage in Housing and Construction sector.

(d) The details of the import of the steel in the country since 2014, year-wise, is given below:

Year	Total Finished Steel Import (in MT)
2013-14	5.45
2014-15	9.32
2015-16	11.71
2016-17	7.22
2017-18	7.48
2018-19	7.84
2019-20	6.77
2020-21	4.75
2021-22	4.67
2022-23	6.02

Source: JPC; MT=million tons
