GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4133 ANSWERED ON:03.08.2009 IMPORT OF CHEAP ALLOY FROM CHINA Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that China is offering incentives on steel exports in their country and trying to dump cheap alloy into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Indian steel companies have demanded to impose safeguard duties to check the surge of cheap imports of alloy from China; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) : On the basis of an application filed by the domestic industry, Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) initiated anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel originating in or exported from China PR, Japan, Korea, European Union, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand and USA" on 25th November, 2008. Preliminary findings recommending provisional anti-dumping duties were issued on 27th March, 2009 and provisional anti-dumping duties was levied by Department of Revenue on 22nd April, 2009.

(c)&(d) : On the basis of an application filed by Indian Steel companies, following an alleged increase in imports of Hot Rolled Coils/Sheets/ Strips, the DG Safeguards, Department of Revenue, has initiated an investigation on 9th April,2009 whether to impose a safeguard duty on imports from all sources including China. Final decision to impose, or otherwise, a safeguard duty will depend on final findings of investigation and other relevant factors. The DG Safeguards is required to issue final findings within 8 months from the date of initiation of the investigation or within such extended period as the Central Government may allow.