

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5267
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INCLUSION OF STEEL IN NEGATIVE LIST
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include Steel in the Negative List of Free Trade Agreement with Asian countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) No, Madam. There is no such proposal to include Steel in the Negative List of FTAs already signed in the Asian countries. The government would take into account the sensitivities of tariff lines for all products including steel for finalizing any offer under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) which is under negotiation with ASEAN and its FTA partners viz. Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand.

(b) Does not arise.