

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3506
FOR ANSWER ON 16/03/2020

DECLINING DEMAND OF STEEL

3506. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that recently the demand for steel has declined in the domestic and international market;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to protect the domestic steel industry from demand slowdown?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The domestic demand for steel as per the latest available data is provided in the following table:-

Consumption of finished steel in Million Ton

	Consumption	% change
April-Jan., 2019	80.8	
April-Jan., 2020	83.9	3.8

(Source: JPC)

Data does not show a decline in domestic demand for steel. The table shows that demand for steel during April-Jan., 2020 was 83.9 Million Ton which was 3.8% higher than the same period last year.

(c) To protect domestic steel industry from demand slowdown & encourage domestic steel usage, Government has brought National Steel Policy 2017, Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products Procurement (DMI&SP) Policy, Steel Scrap Policy, Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) alongwith Government's push for better infrastructure, railways, roads, alongwith Housing for All by 2022 and piped water to all households. All these initiatives are expected to enhance demand for domestic steel.
