

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2113
FOR ANSWER ON 08/03/2021

IMPORT OF SPECIAL GRADE STEEL

2113. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any decline has been registered in dependence on the import of special grade steel in the country;
- (b) if so, the various efforts initiated to start manufacturing of special grade steel in the country; and
- (c) the details of import compared to the domestic demand of special grade steel during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)to(c): The details of import of all grades of finished steel, including special grade steel, in the last 3 years are given below:-

Year	Import of finished steel	Demand of finished steel
2018-19	7.84 MT	98.71 MT
2019-20	6.77 MT	100.17 MT
2020-21 (till Jan., 21*)	3.79 MT	74.94 MT

(Source: JPC; *Provisional)

Steel industry is a deregulated sector and the decisions regarding setting up production capacity of any steel grades are taken by individual company, based on techno-economic considerations. The steps taken by the Government inter-alia include the following:-

- (i) National Steel Policy, 2017 notified on 08th May, 2017 envisages domestically meeting the entire demand of steel and high-grade automotive steel, electrical steel, special steel and alloys for strategic applications.
- (ii) 'Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products Policy (DMI&SP) has been notified with an objective to encourage production and consumption of domestically produced steel.
- (iii) Government has issued the Steel and Steel Products Quality Control Orders through which it has directed compulsory BIS certification for 145 Iron and Steel Products.
- (iv) Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme recently announced by the Government includes 'Specialty Steel'.
