

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2631
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MARCH, 2021

STEEL IMPORT MONITORING SYSTEM

2631. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has developed monitoring system which would provide advance information on steel imports to Government and other stakeholders and if so the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the steel importers would have to submit advance information in online system to get automatic Registration Number and if so the details thereof;
- (c) the details of validity of Registration Number and documents which have to be entered by importer in bill of entry to enable clearance from customs for consignment; and
- (d) whether this would bring transparency and help to resolve the issues of over invoicing and under invoicing and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) & (b): Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS), an online platform for advance registration of intended imports of steel, was launched by the Government vide Notification dated 05.09.2019. The intended steel importers have to submit advance information in online system to obtain Registration Number through an online web-portal 15-60 days before the actual date of import.

(c): The validity of Registration Number is for a period of 75 days which is obtained through online SIMS Registration web-portal. No other document apart from SIMS Registration Number and its expiry date is required to be declared mandatorily in the Bill of Entry(with respect to SIMS), to enable clearance of consignments from customs.

(d): SIMS, besides bringing in transparency, has helped the Ministry of Steel and the industry in identifying the exact steel grades being imported into the country in a timely manner.
