Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Autokast Limited under Government of Kerala is involved in production of grey iron, ductile iron and steel castings used in heavy industrial units and if so, whether the Government will explore the possibility of central public sector units like BEML, BHEL, Cochin Shipyard, etc. to purchase such castings from the Autokast limited and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government will consider streamlining of the process of supply of raw metals for Steel and Industrial Forgings under the Government of Kerala from Steel Authority of India on a priority basis and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Steel being a deregulated sector, all commercial decisions are taken by individual companies keeping in view commercial considerations and market dynamics. However, in its role as a facilitator, Government has announced Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products Procurement (DMI&SP) Policy, which provides for preference to domestically manufactured steel products both from public and private sector in Government procurement, which includes BEML, BHEL, Cochin Shipyard etc.

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