DOMESTIC STEEL INDUSTRY

*12. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take more steps to strengthen domestic steel industry and achieve sustainable operations in steel industry through policy support, efficient resource utilisation and research and development led production innovation;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

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(a) to (c): Steel being a de-regulated sector, government acts as a facilitator, by creating enabling environment for development of the sector. National Steel Policy, 2017 has mission to provide environment for attaining “self sufficiency” in steel production by providing policy support and guidance to steel producers. Towards this, the action taken includes the following:-

(i) Notification of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting procurement of Made in India steel.

(ii) Steel Scrap Recycling Policy has been notified by Ministry of Steel which will complement the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021 notified by Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways so as to enhance availability of scrap to facilitate sustainable steel making.

(iii) Issuance of Steel Quality Control Order to stop manufacturing and import of non-standardized steel.

(iv) Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) for advanced registration of steel imports.

(v) Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel with an outlay of ₹6,322 crores.

(vi) Engagement with steel producers including industry associations and leaders of domestic steel industry to address their issues by the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government and State Governments.

(vii) Engagement with potential users; including from Railways, Defence, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Agriculture and Rural Development sectors to enhance the steel usage and overall demand for steel in the country.

(viii) An eco-system of Research & Development has been created in the Steel Sector, with the participation of all related stakeholders towards efficiency, sustainability and modernization.

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