

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1262
FOR ANSWER ON 11.02.2025

USING OF STEEL FOR KUMBH MELA

1262. SHRI RAMESH AWASTHI:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:
SHRI MADHAVANENI RAGHUNANDAN RAO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has considered using steel from Steel Authority of India (SAIL) for creation of permanent infrastructure at Prayagraj, so as to reduce the need for temporary structures in future Maha Kumbh Mela;
- (b) the manner in which the said initiative is likely to contribute to the long-term objectives of Ministry to promote steel sector in the country; and
- (c) whether any measures are being implemented to ensure stability in the use of steel in Maha Kumbh Mela structures and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)to(c): Steel is a de-regulated sector and the role of the Government is to facilitate the steel industry by laying down the policy guidelines and establishing the institutional mechanism/structure for creating conducive environment for fostering steel production, consumption and improving efficiency of the steel sector in the country. The Ministry of Steel has no role in procurement decisions of the private or state government sector entities. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has a dedicated marketing set-up responsible for marketing of carbon, alloy and special steel products produced by their steel plants. SAIL has supplied approximately 45,000 tonnes of steel for the Mahakumbh Mela 2025, being held in Prayagraj mostly to the Public Works Department (PWD), Uttar Pradesh State Bridges Corporation, Electricity Board and their suppliers.
