

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.223
FOR ANSWER ON 25/04/2016

STEEL CONSUMPTION

223. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of steel produced and imported for domestic consumption in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the import, sale and storage of cheaper quality of steel not in conformity with Quality Control Order (QCO), if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to cease the poor quality steel imports and initiated any action against those indulging in such malpractices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Total production & import of steel during the last 3 years is as follows:-

Year	Total Finished Steel (million tones)	
	Production of Sale	Import
2013-14	87.67	5.45
2014-15	92.16	9.32
2015-16*	90.39	11.71

Source: JPC: * prov.

(b) After the issue of the quality control orders, import of seconds & defective products by some unscrupulous importers were reported in respect of some categories of steel products. However, Government does not maintain data on import, sale and storage of such sub-standard steel products standards-wise.

(c)&(d): Government has notified the following Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Orders inter-alia to ensure availability of quality steel to end-users.

- (i) Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2012.
- (ii) Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Second Order, 2012.
- (iii) Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2015.

Further, Government has issued orders to allow import of steel products strictly as per the aforesaid Steel Quality Control Order inter-alia prohibiting import of sub-standard steel products not conforming to the relevant Indian Standards.
