GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO-157

ANSWERED ON-03.12.2014

Import of inferior grade of iron rods from China

157 . Shri Ram Nath Thakur

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that huge quantity of inferior grade of iron rods which are not BIS certified are being imported from China for use in building construction in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that Steel Re-rollers Association of Maharashtra has ordered three lakh tonnes of inferior grade of iron rods within two months;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against this; and

(d) if not, the steps Government has taken/proposes to take to find out the truth behind this?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *157 FOR ANSWER ON 03/12/2014 TABLED BY SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING IMPORT OF INFERIOR GRADE OF IRON RODS FROM CHINA

(a) The Ministry of Steel has received representations from several quarters regarding imports of Boron added Rebars/TMT bars capable of being used in construction sector allegedly by circumventing the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order 2012. As per the Joint Plants Committee, about 3.59 lakh metric tonnes of Bars and Rods have been imported from China during April-October, 2014.

(b) As per the information provided by the Steel Re-rollers Association of Maharashtra, no order for import of iron rods of any quality from China has been given by them.

(c)&(d): The Government have issued suitable directions to the Custom Authorities on 07-11-2014 in respect of Boron added Rebars / TMT Bars advising clearance of such consignments strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2012.

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