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Impact of cheaper inferior quality steel imported from China

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(a) whether the indigenous steel production is facing a lot of difficulties due to import of cheaper/inferior quality steel from China;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of steel imported from China during the current year;
(c) whether any consultations have been held with steel manufacturers and other stakeholders in this regard;
(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
(e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to safeguard the interest of indigenous steel industry against such imports?

ANSWER

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(a)&(b): The global steel industry in general is going through a difficult phase. Likewise, the domestic steel industry has also been subdued. Due to excess capacity / production and decrease in demand in China, steel from China has been finding its way to various countries, including India.

As against imports of about 8.1 million tonnes of steel into India, during April, 2014 to January, 2015, about 2.9 million tonnes has been from China.

(c)to(e): Domestic steel manufacturers and other stakeholders have been representing against imports in general, and Chinese imports in particular.

Steel is a deregulated sector. However to ensure that only quality of steel is imported into India, Ministry of Steel has notified Steel and Steel Product (Quality Control) Order on 12-03-2012, as last amended on 04-12-2014.

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