

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3922
FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025

BLOCKING OF STEEL CONSIGNMENTS

3922. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of reports indicating the blocking of steel consignments at Indian ports, specifically affecting shipments from Japan and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons behind this blockage;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the clearance of these steel consignments and resolve any trade disruptions with Japan;
- (c) the manner in which these port blockages has impacted domestic industries especially steel manufacturers along with the estimated financial loss incurred as a result thereof;
- (d) the specific measures taken to prevent such issues from recurring, and to ensure smoother and more efficient port operations for international trade; and
- (e) the time by which the Government expect this issue to be fully resolved along with the long-term solutions being implemented to avoid similar trade disruptions in the future?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(e): The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Steel, is working to ensure that only quality steel conforming to relevant standards is produced and imported into India. In this direction, 151 BIS standards have been notified and covered by Quality Control Order (QCO) by Ministry of Steel, which mandates that both domestically produced and imported steel meets the relevant BIS standards and ensure that only quality steel is made available to the end users. Any import of steel from outside can be done with a BIS license. However, some steel grades, which are not yet covered by BIS Standards/ QCO, can be imported with a No Objection Certificate (NoC) from Ministry of Steel.

The NoC is issued in advance based on the intended quantities to be imported for the next six months. The procedure for submission of the applications by the importers have been made online and are processed by the Ministry as per the guidelines set for the purpose. All applications for advance NoC from the importers, including from Japanese producers, are processed and decided on regular basis as per the prescribed guidelines.
