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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2015

Shortage of raw material in electrical equipment manufacturing industry

2462. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that lack of domestic availability of critical inputs/raw material is hampering the development of domestic electrical equipment manufacturing industry and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the details of steps taken by Government to mitigate this problem?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Certain critical inputs/ raw materials used in the manufacture of electrical equipment by the domestic industry such as Cold Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO) Steel under BIS 3024 (used in manufacture of Transformers) and Steel Plates of thickness above 150 mm under BIS 2002 (used in manufacture of Generators) are not made/ manufactured in India. Moreover, the requirement of such critical inputs / raw materials is met through imports from a few worldwide manufacturers outside India.

(b) : The Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), in consultation with various stakeholders prepared the Indian Electrical Equipment Industry Mission Plan 2012-2022 with a view to boost and support the domestic electrical equipment industry's future development and enhance its global competitiveness. The Mission Plan launched on 24th July 2013 recommended formation of a consortium of domestic steel manufacturers and user industry, to develop technology in India for domestic production of CRGO. Further, the issue of indigenous manufacturing of CRGO Steel has been discussed in various meetings held at Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), Ministry of Steel and National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) with participation from various concerned stakeholders.
