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Dear *Ajay*,

This is in reference to MHA Order dated 24th March, 2020 and the subsequent addendums, by way of which mining operations as well as operation of all industrial units having continuous processes, have been allowed to operate with the permission from the State Government. As a result of these orders, the Integrated Steel Plants are in operation albeit at a much lower capacity.

2. This Ministry has received a number of representations from the Indian Steel Association (ISA), Steel Mills, both large scale and MSMEs, in this regard. It has been indicated that in the absence of permission to operate the associated industries which either provide raw materials & consumables to the Steel plants or which consume finished steel, the steel plants in the country are finding it difficult to operate. As on date, the large ISPs are operating at a very minimal operating capacity of average 25%, while 85% of the secondary steel sector is shut.

3. It is, therefore, requested that the following activities may please be considered, whenever a decision to partially lift the lockdown or to provide some relaxation is taken:

- (i) Downstream/ End User Industries engaged in converting the Raw or semi finish steel into usable forms like Cold Rolled and Annealed Sheets, Colour coated sheets, Galvanized and Galvalume sheets and rerolling of billets into TMT, etc.
- (ii) Associated Industries/Inputs for steelmaking like Aluminium, refractory, ferro-alloys, ancillary units that supply spares to steel plants etc need to operate, at least with scaled down volumes.
- (iii) A mechanism needs to be worked out to facilitate goods handling at points of loading-unloading. Also, E-waybill validity for the consignments invoiced after 15th March and stuck in the way in lock down should be relaxed with validity as lockdown end date plus 5 days.

5. I would also like to inform you that all Steel plants in the country have already earmarked more than 2400 Tonnes/Day Oxygen generation capacity in their steel plants towards supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen at short notice.

With regard
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