



India to become second largest steel producer by December 2016



India is set to pip Japan to become the world's second largest steel producer by December this year, an official of Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) said.

"India is likely to leave Japan behind and become world's second largest steel producer by December 2016," IIM Delhi Chapter Chairman, KL Mehrotra said in a statement.

However, what needs to be deliberated is will it be the greenfield or brownfield projects

that will help India achieve the ambitious 300 million tonnes target, added Malhotra, who has also served as chairman and managing director of state-run manganese miner MOIL.

"Not to forget the steel for strategic sector - defence production, including naval warships, frigates, nuclear reactors and ISRO's space vehicles. India seems to be importing almost of this entire special requirement as of now," he added.

ASP organises meet on 'Make in India' in Durgapur

Alloy Steels Plant (ASP), a unit of Steel Authority of India Ltd, organized a technical meet on 'Make in India - Future Needs of



Special Steels for Defence' at Durgapur on July 29. Senior officials of several Ordnance Factories, Ordnance Factory Board, Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL) a wing of DRDO, Indian Navy had participated in the meet. The focus of the seminar was on ascertaining future demands for special steels for defence, process map development and futuristic steels and their processing.

Speaking on the occasion, AK Rath, CEO, Durgapur Steel Plant said, "The Ordnance Factories are one of our biggest customers. The meet will help in fostering synergy between the two organizations."

Somdev Das, executive director, ASP asserted its commitment to cater to requirements of defence sector in general and ordnance factories in particular. Saurabh Kumar, senior general manager, Ordnance Factory, Ambajhari, Nagpur and Narendra Kumar, general manager, Field Gun Factory, Kanpur also spoke on the occasion.

The company is planning to start the construction works in these sections from October, it said.

The 315-km Auraiya-Phulpur pipeline, 341 Km Phulpur-Dobhi (Gaya) section and 414-km spurlines to Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Patna and Barauni will be completed by December 2018 at a cost of Rs 4600 crore, GAIL said.

Phase-II (1201-km) and phase-III (583-km) of the Phulpur-Haldia pipeline project are targeted to be completed by December 2019 and December 2020 at an estimated investment of Rs 5565 crore and Rs 3425 crore respectively.

"GAIL presently is taking up farmer engagement and public awareness campaign activities in these sections in order to create a congenial working environment for project execution prior to start of construction," it said.

GAIL places order of 315 km steel pipes in Bihar



GAIL India Ltd the nation's biggest natural gas transporter, said it has placed orders for purchase of 315 km steel pipes to carry fuel to shut fertiliser plants in Bihar.

"Taking another key step in ensuring energy security for the Gorakhpur, Barauni and Sindri fertiliser plants under revival enroute Phulpur-Haldia natural gas pipeline, GAIL has placed orders for purchase of 315 km of line pipes for Auraiya-Phulpur pipeline on Jindal Saw and Essar Steel at a total cost of Rs 305 crore," the company said in a statement.

GAIL Chairman and Managing Director, B C Tripathi said, "The sections for which

pipeline procurement have been placed are being taken up for revival of shut fertiliser plants at Gorakhpur, Barauni and Sindri.

Auraiya-Phulpur pipeline is one of the main feeder lines of Phulpur-Haldia pipeline project, called 'Energy Highway (Urja Ganga)' of Eastern India.

GAIL has previously placed orders for line pipes of Phulpur-Dobhi (Gaya) section of the project at a cost of Rs 550 crore and awarded laying work contracts for the Dobhi- Patna / Barauni sections at a cost of Rs 216 crore.

Pipeline laying work in the Dobhi-Patna / Barauni section commenced in September last year.

"Further, bids received for Laying Works of Phulpur-Dobhi section with spurline to Varanasi are presently under evaluation," the statement said.

GAIL said tenders for laying works of Auraiya-Phulpur pipeline and for procurement of line pipes of Gorakhpur spurline have already been floated.