

**Regarding adverse impact on steel industries due to rise in prices of PNG in Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab-Laid**

**DR. AMAR SINGH (FATEHGARH SAHIB):** Mandi Gobindgarh is the Steel industry hub of north India. It is part of Shri Fatehgarh Sahib Constituency. Once a bustling centre of iron and steel industry it has been affected in the recent past due to faulty policies and unfavorable trade conditions. Majority of the units are MSMEs, yet they collectively give employment to thousands of people. At present, the owners of these Industries are protesting that PNG pipelines were laid and owners of re-rolling units had spent crores on installing gas machinery and over a period of time, companies started increasing the price of PNG, forcing the steel industries in Punjab to again use coal or to shut down, so as to compete with the states where fossil fuel was still being used. Therefore, Government should consider and revise the pricing so that the industry and environment both should not be impacted. I request the Government to depute senior officers to meet with the industry groups from Mandi Gobindgarh and offer the maximum policy relief possible.