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Title: Need to expedite the completion of Assam Steel Plant at Dagaon in Kamrup district, Assam.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDOI): The people of Assam use galvanized corrugated sheets generally on the roof top of their building. There is a huge demands of galvanized corrugated sheets.

At present two galvanized corrugated sheets producing units are operating in North Eastern region which together have a total capacity of 40,000 tonnes.

The Steel Authority of India Limited has finally decided to set up a steel plant in Assam i.e., "Assam Steel Plant". The foundation of this project has already been laid on 23 March 1997at Dagaon in Kamrup district. It was expected that this plant will fill the demand gap of galvanized sheets in N.E. region. The Plant will contribute to the economic and infrastructural development of the region and also open up new avenues for direct & indirect employment. But unfortunately, no progress has been made in this regard.

I urge upon the Government of India to direct SAIL to make the plant operational within a specific time frame or it should be completed in Public Private Partnership in the greater interest of the region.