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Dear Sir,

**Sub: The recent newspaper reports on the quality of TMT Bars –
Request thereof**

As you are aware, recently a private organization has made public a report stating that more than 2/3rd of TMT Bars brands failed the quality test. Reportedly, they tested products of 26 brands including 6 main and major products and have found that 18 brands failed on quality parameters in sample test.

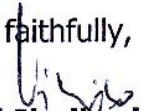
You will kindly appreciate that Bureau of Standards has been assigned the task of maintaining the quality of steel production for all types. The steel producers, mainly the secondary producers are being questioned about their quality of steel without any authority by a private organization. Such a public statement by any private organization has an adverse effect on demand vis-à-vis production of steel of the secondary producers who are contributing more than 60 p.c. of the total production in the long segments and the mission of producing 300 million tons of steel by 2030 would remain a distant dream.

You will also appreciate that Steel Ministry has issued number of Notifications in last few years in maintaining the quality of steel and secondary producers have tried their best to comply with all those quality standards meticulously.

I am to request you therefore, to kindly direct the said company not to issue any such statement nor bring out any such report either on-line or in printed form as it hurts the market sentiment, defame the entire Indian Steel industry in general and secondary sector producers in particular both in home and overseas markets. Such purported reports have also given the scope of forming a curtail, raising the steel prices by the so-called Main producers and impacting the cost of construction sector adversely which is passing through a difficult phase in recent times.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(**Vishal Jhajharia**)
President