

PRIMARY ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY

India's aluminium consumption to grow by 9% in FY2024, despite global headwinds

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Central Government's massive infrastructure development plans, growing urbanisation levels, Housing for All schemes along with railways' investment in the metro rails network and aluminium-bodied Vande Bharat trains bode well for the domestic aluminium demand.

While global aluminium consumption would remain tepid at ~1% in CY2023, domestic aluminium demand growth is expected at a healthy 9% in FY2024 and FY2025.



■ Domestic aluminium demand growth is expected to remain healthy at ~9% in the next two fiscals, given the Government's thrust on infrastructure development, outpacing the rate of global growth in aluminium demand.



■ In the domestic market, around 48% of the aluminium is consumed in the power transmission and distribution (T&D) sector. ICRA notes that the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has outlined a planned capacity expansion of 16,600 circuit kilometres (ckm) for the current financial year, which is an increase of over 13% compared to FY2023.



■ The Government of India's (Gol's) ambitious target to achieve 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032 would further entail significant capacity additions in transmission lines in the coming decade and bodes well for domestic aluminium demand in the foreseeable future.



• In addition, the Gol's massive infrastructure development plans, growing urbanisation levels, Housing for All schemes along with airport infrastructure and investment in metro rail network and aluminium-bodied Vande Bharat trains bode well for the domestic aluminium demand in the medium term.



■ The automotive sector also plays a pivotal role in the overall consumption of aluminium in India. After a stellar performance in FY2023, the automotive demand is expected to remain steady in FY2024 and FY2025. Further, a significant transition to the electric vehicles in the coming decade would aid domestic aluminium demand.



While the domestic demand remains resilient, global aluminium consumption is likely to remain muted in the current calendar year. In addition, global metal supply is showing signs of improvement, primarily in China, which is likely to result in a surplus metal balance in the current calendar year.



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