

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2304**  
**FOR ANSWER ON 08/07/2019**

**INCREASE IN STEEL IMPORT**

2304. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the imports of steel from Japan and South Korea have increased since 2014;
- (b) if so, the details of percentage-wise increase in steel import since 2014, country-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the import of steel by the Railways has increased since 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the National Steel Policy requires Government projects to use steel manufactured in the country itself and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) From FY 2014-15 till 2018-19, imports of steel from South Korea have increased by 122% while steel imports from Japan have declined by 4%.

(b) Data on percentage change in imports of total finished steel (alloy/stainless + non-alloy) by India from Japan and South Korea during last five years and April-May 2019 is given below:-

<b>Import of total finished steel</b>				
<b>Period</b>	<b>Japan</b>		<b>South Korea</b>	
	Qty. ('000t)	% change	Qty. ('000t)	% change
2014-15	1583	17	1875	43
2015-16	2160	36	3007	60
2016-17	1136	-47	2103	-30
2017-18	1176	4	2473	18
2018-19*	1299	10	2936	19
April-May 2019*	187	-18	457	-2

Source: JPC; \*provisional

(c) Yes, Sir. During FY 2015-2019, the imports of steel for railways have increased by 319%.

(d) Government has notified a specific Policy for providing preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products in Government procurements and tenders to promote domestic manufacturing

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