

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
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FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2026

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total volume and value of steel imports into the country during each of the last five years, country-wise and category-wise;
- (b) the total volume and value of steel exports from the country during the same period, with a break-up PSU-wise (such as SAIL, RINL and other CPSEs) and other domestic producers (private sector), year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has analysed the impact of import trends on domestic steel production, capacity utilisation and market share of Indian producers; and
- (d) the measures taken or proposed to support domestic steel manufacturers in view of rising imports from specific countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)&(b): The year-wise details of the quantity and value of finished steel imported into and exported from India during the last five years and the current year, are given below:-

Year	Finished Steel Import		Finishes Steel Export	
	Quantity(in Mt)	Value (Rs crore)	Quantity (in Mt)	Value (Rs crore)
2021-22	4.67	46,298	13.49	99,452
2022-23	6.02	64,454	6.72	55,828
2023-24	8.32	68,193	7.49	59,157
2024-25	9.55	80,737	4.86	40,585
2025-26	6.52	61,407	6.60	48,585
April-June 2026-27*	2.06	20,215	1.59	12,475

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); Mt=million tonnes; *provisional

The year-wise details of India's steel imports, including major source countries and categories, are given at **Annexure-I**.

(c)&(d): The detail of production and capacity utilization of crude steel in India during the last five years and current year are as below:-

Year	Crude steel	
	Production (in Mt)	Capacity Utilization (%)
2021-22	120.29	78
2022-23	127.20	79
2023-24	144.30	80
2024-25	152.18	76
2025-26	170.15	77
April-June 2026-27*	42.08	76

Source: JPC; Mt=million tonnes ;*provisional

Steel is a deregulated sector and the Government acts as a facilitator by creating a conducive policy environment for the development of steel sector in the country. The decisions regarding import and export are taken by the steel companies based on techno-commercial considerations and market dynamics.

Government has taken following steps to increase the domestic production and to reduce dependency on imports:-

- i. Implementation of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting 'Made in India' steel for Government procurement.
- ii. Implementation of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel to promote the manufacturing of 'Specialty Steel' within the country and reduce imports by attracting capital investments.
- iii. Introduction of Steel Quality Control Order thereby banning sub-standard/ defective steel products in domestic market as well as imports to ensure the availability of quality steel to the industry, users and public at large.
- iv. In the Union Budget 2026-27, following measures were taken to support domestic manufacturers and boost domestic steel manufacturing:-
 - a. Nil Basic Customs Duty (BCD) has been continued on Ferro-Nickel.
 - b. The basic custom duty exemption has been extended up to 31.03.2028 on Ferrous Scrap, Magnesium Oxide (MgO) coated cold rolled steel coils for use in manufacture of cold rolled grain oriented steel and Specified goods for the manufacture of cold rolled grain-oriented steel.
- v. Anti Dumping Duty (ADD) measures pertaining to some steel products like seamless tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of iron, alloy, or non-alloy steel (other than cast iron and stainless steel) (from China PR), electro-galvanized steel (from Korea RP, Japan, Singapore), stainless-steel seamless tubes and pipes (from China PR), welded stainless steel pipes and tubes (from Vietnam and Thailand), Hot rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel (from Vietnam), Cold Rolled Non-Oriented Electrical Steel (from China PR), are currently in place.
- vi. Countervailing Duty (CVD) is in place for Welded Stainless Steel Pipes and Tubes from China and Vietnam.
- vii. Government has imposed safeguard duties on import of "Non-Alloy and Alloy Steel Flat Products" into India for a period of three years, on the subject goods falling under tariff headings 7208, 7209, 7210, 7211, 7212, 7225 and 7226 to safeguard the interests of domestic steel industry.

ANNEXURE-I
Country-wise, and Category-wise Import of Finished Steel

Country-wise Import of Finished Steel												
Country	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		Apr-Jun 2026-27*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
KOREA	2,009	15,904	2,228	18,564	2,670	18,597	2,810	18,608	2,307	17,384	600	4,532
CHINA	833	9,295	1,407	16,554	2,687	22,992	2,531	22,385	1,534	13,875	661	5,586
JAPAN	664	6,408	841	9,762	1,274	11,210	2,018	15,214	1,316	11,745	336	3,105
VIETNAM	75	1,304	320	2,976	737	4,799	697	5,881	281	4,055	108	1,617
RUSSIA	55	768	313	2,630	53	557	148	1,796	230	1,914	80	733
TAIWAN	194	1,610	163	1,906	185	1,535	186	1,475	153	1,500	33	334
GERMANY	151	1,512	112	1,683	80	1,199	183	2,579	108	1,783	14	350
FRANCE	58	622	77	1,076	15	243	126	1,622	101	1,455	33	455
THAILAND	25	285	53	520	58	464	146	1,045	101	946	37	303
NEPAL	9	68	59	458	120	907	126	865	52	357	8	69
Others	596	8,522	449	8,325	441	5,690	580	9,267	341	6,393	154	3,131
TOTAL	4,669	46,298	6,022	64,454	8,320	68,193	9,551	80,737	6,524	61,407	2,064	20,215
Source: JPC; *provisional.												
Category-wise Import of Finished Steel												
Category	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		Apr'26-Jun'26*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
BARS & RODS	274	3,964	344	4,994	356	3,540	462	5,493	347	4,552	134	1,851
CR COIL/SHEETS	1,163	11,332	1,594	17,902	1,472	14,233	1,563	16,966	1,175	14,273	357	4,490
ELECT. SHEETS	430	5,171	264	5,932	329	5,380	490	6,721	492	6,907	128	1,568
GP/GC SHEETS/COIL	735	6,282	914	8,798	1,290	10,263	1,356	10,852	1,010	8,778	309	2,878
HR COIL/STRIP	1,274	11,054	2,109	16,030	3,631	22,905	3,962	25,465	2,313	14,460	780	5,755
HR SHEETS	10	118	11	181	20	201	13	188	8	135	3	45
PIPES	267	3,703	321	4,814	390	4,075	458	5,039	378	4,923	112	1,379
PLATES	365	3,569	362	4,653	740	6,530	1,182	9,364	670	5,683	207	1,794
RLY. MATERIALS	68	581	76	893	76	950	31	349	100	1,405	27	357
STRUCTURALS	17	143	12	123	7	46	24	221	15	162	4	57
TIN FREE STEEL	12	73	3	34	2	13	1	7	1	6	1	5
TIN PLATES	54	307	11	100	7	56	9	70	16	122	4	35
TMBP	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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