

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2594
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2022

SURGE IN IMPORTS

2594. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many industries and their associations have expressed concerns at surge in imports, especially of metals and capital goods, from countries including Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan with whom India has signed Free Trade Agreements (FTAs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto ;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that domestic manufactures have been adversely affected and derailing 'Make in India' programme due to mis-using of bilateral FTAs; and
- (d) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken by Government to check unlawful imports for survival of domestic industry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (d): Representations from industry and their associations are received from time to time on surge in imports from ASEAN countries, Japan and Korea, which are examined in consultation with the concerned administrative Ministries/ Departments and other stakeholders and taken up with the respective trading partners under the existing institutional mechanism enshrined in the respective FTAs. FTAs have inbuilt provisions to check any misuse of the FTA concessions, which inter-alia include strict compliance of the Rules of Origin, checking mis-declaration, if any, and taking trade remedial actions. The Government also reviews the provisions of the FTAs and their implications from time to time. Some of these actions taken by the Government include measures related to trade remedies such as Safeguards Duties, Anti-dumping Duties and Countervailing Duties, in case of sufficient grounds of misuse and surge in imports causing serious injury to domestic producers. Moreover, the Government has also restricted imports of certain products.
