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India jumps 19 places in World Bank's Logistics Performance Index; Improves its Ranking from 54 (in 2014) to 35 (in 2016).

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The World Bank has recently released a Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2016 report titled "Connecting to Complete 2016". The Logistics Performance Index Report is published by World Bank every two years.

India has now been ranked 35 amongst 160 countries compared to rank of 54 in LPI 2014. This is a jump of 19 places. Further, in terms of the six-components of the LPI i.e. Customs, Infrastructure, International Shipments, Logistics Quality and Competence, Tracking and Tracing, and Timeliness, India's ranking is 38, 36, 39, 32, 33 and 42 respectively.

The LPI is an interactive benchmarking tool created to help countries identify the challenges and opportunities they face in their performance on trade logistics and what they can do to improve their performance.

The LPI is based on a worldwide survey of stakeholders on the ground providing feedback on the logistics "friendliness" of the countries in which they operate and those with which they trade. They combine in-depth knowledge of the countries in which they operate with informed qualitative assessments of other countries where they trade and have experience of global logistics environment. Feedback from such stakeholders is supplemented with quantitative data on the performance of key components of the logistics chain in the country of work.

Improvement in India's rank in Logistics Performance Index adequately establishes steady performance in our competitiveness in manufacturing and trade that also acts as one of the growth driver of Make in India Programme.
