

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:376  
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EXPORT OF MINERALS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the target fixed for export of minerals during the Eighth Plan has been achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether there has been a steep decline in the export of minerals during the past few years from some States, such as, Gujarat, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the minerals exported during each of the last three years, mineral-wise and country-wise alongwith revenue earned therefrom;
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of minerals and ;
- (g) the names of countries which have shown their willingness to import minerals from India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 376 FOR ANSWER ON 2000, REGARDING EXPORT OF MINERALS.

(a) to (d) As per the available date, annual targets and performance during the Eighth Plan Period ( 1992 - 93 - 1996-97 ) are as under:

(US\$ Million)

YEAR	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
1992-93	N.A.	697.16
1993-94	N.A.	888.15
1994-95	N.A.	998.32
1995-96	1129.0	1175.01
1996-97	1361.3	1145.9

( N.A.: Not Available)  
( Source: DGCI&S)

The collection of export and import data is done at national level and State-wise figures are not maintained.

Targets are worked out in advance in Rs./Crores and converted to US \$ based on the average exchange rate.

(e) Details of minerals exported during the last three years along with the destinations and revenue earned are given below:

(Qty. In Million Tonnes; Value in US\$ Million)

Minerals 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000 (Prov.) Major Countries

Exported

QTY. VALUE QTY. VALUE QTY. VALUE

IRON ORE 29.50 476.16 22.27 384.00 16.14 265.56 Australia, Belgium,  
Chinese Taipei, China PR, France,  
Germany, Indonesia, Iran, Italy,  
Japan, Korea, Netherlands,  
Pakistan, Romania, U.K.

MICA 0.05 10.77 0.05 10.30 0.02 9.44 Belgium, China PR, Germany,  
Japan, Korea, Netherlands,  
Norway, Russia, U.K., U.S.A.

COAL 0.54 23.78 0.82 33.52 1.11 25.57 Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal  
PROCES. MINRALS N.M.+ 336.60 N.M.+ 253.15 N.M.+ 231.70 Australia, Belgium, Canada,  
Chinese Taipei, China PR,  
Denmark, Germany, Hongkong,  
Italy, Japan, Malayasia,  
Netherlands, Russia, Saudi Arabia,  
Singapore, Srilanka, U.A.E.,  
U.K. U.S.A.

OTHER ORES & MINERALS N.M.+ 213.50 N.M.+ 212.47 N.M.+ 374.42 Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium,  
Chinese Taipei, China PR,  
Germany, Hongkong, Italy,  
Japan, Korea, Netherlands,  
Singapore, Spain, U.A.E.,  
U.K., U.S.A.

(N.M.: Not maintained) (Source: DGCI&S)

+ DGCI&S are maintaining value-wise data only

(f) In an endeavour to accelerate the export of minerals, following steps have been initiated:-

- `Granite` has been identified and declared as a `thrust area` and necessary steps initiated for hassle-free export of granite in consultation with the Ministries of Mines and Finance and the State Governments.
- Physical controls over production, storage, clearance and movement of goods, materials and components, to and from Export Oriented Units (EOUs) has been abolished.
- Granite EOUs have been allowed to import duty-free machinery, tools and consumables under the EOU Scheme.
- Threshold limit for import of mining and quarrying equipments under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme has been liberalised.
- Ministry of Mines have notified amendments to the Minor Minerals Regulation & Development Rules paving way for uniform policy throughout the country for prospecting licence for lease/royalty/dead-rent etc. in granite sector.
- Private exporters have been allowed to export high-grade iron ore to bring in healthy competition when surplus to domestic demand is available.

(g) Apart from the traditional markets for export of minerals i.e. Japan, South Korea, Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Taiwan, recently China, Pakistan and the Middle-East have shown their willingness to import minerals from India.