

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of iron ore exported from Sukinda-Daitari Iron Ore Mines in Orissa by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) during the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the export of iron ore as compared to previous three years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the areas identified by MMTC to increase export during next year and the target fixed therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) Sir, the quantum of iron ore exported by MMTC from Sukinda-Daitari Mines in Orissa during the last three years is as follows:

(Quantity in tonnes)

Year	Export
1997-98	21127
1998-99	38003
1999-2000 (Provisional)	39011

- (b)&(c) There has been no decline in the total value of iron ore export by MMTC as compared to previous three years.

- (d) Besides the largest market of Japan, MMTC has identified China and South Korea as thrust area for increased iron ore export during the year 2000-2001. It has been targeted to increase value of iron ore export to these, two markets by approximately 10% over the last year. The details are as follows:

Country	Value of iron ore exports (Rs. Crores)	
	1999-2000 (Provisional)	2000-2001 (Target)
China	250	270
South Korea	123	135