

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries which are importing iron ore from India;
- (b) whether the Government propose to discontinue the export of iron ore to those countries;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allow import of low alumina content iron-ore into the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to review the import/export of iron-ore; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and its impact on the steel industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) The major countries which are presently importing iron ore from India are China, Japan, S.Korea and Taiwan.
- (b) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The existing Foreign Trade Policy already allows free import of iron ore.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f)&(g) The current Foreign Trade Policy covering import/export of iron ore is valid from 2004 to 2009, which is reviewed from time to time depending on the requirement.