

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

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

- (a) the total quantum of iron ore procured from Orissa mines for export purpose during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the procurement/export of Iron ore from the State during the said period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to increase the export of Iron ore?

Answer

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

(a): Iron ore is procured for export purposes by several agencies, namely, mine-owners, MMTC Ltd. and traders. Iron ore procured from Orissa mines is exported through Paradip Haldia Visakhapatnam ports Iron ore procured from neighbouring States like Bihar and Jharkhand is also exported through these ports . Since the iron ore procured from the above States are not heaped separately at the ports, they loose identity about their origin. However, details of iron ore procured and exported from the States of Orissa, Bihar and Jharkhand through the ports of Paradip, Haldia and Visakhapatnam ports during the last three years are as under:

(Quantity : lakh tonnes)

Port	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Prov.)
Paradip	41.33	54.78	90.50
Haldia	26.94	37.41	49.66
Visakhapatnam	-	12.04	14.84
TOTAL	68.27	104.23	155.00

(b): No, Sir.

(c) & d): Do not arise.