

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL AND MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT AND EXPORT OF NON ATOMIC MINERALS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the annual import and export of non fuel and non-atomic minerals from the country during the last three years (year-wis  
(e);  
(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the export of these minerals; and  
(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): As per information received from Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under administrative control of Department of Mines, the value of mineral export and import excluding non-fuel and non-atomic minerals during the year 2000-01,2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:-

Value of Exports and Imports of ores & minerals during the year 2000-01,2001-02 and 2002-03

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Year      Export      Import

2000-01	34240	25390
2001-02	34842	25851
2002-03	46273	33496

(b) & (c): Department of Commerce has reported that in an endeavour to accelerate the export of minerals, following steps have been initiated:-

(i)Granite' has been identified and declared as a `thrust area' and necessary steps initiated for hassle-free export of granite in consultation with the Department of Mines, Ministry of Finance and the State Governments.

(ii)The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited (MMTC), the designated State Trading Enterprise for the export of High Grade Iron Ore, have since renewed Long-Term Agreements with Japanese and South Korean steel mills and have entered into similar Long-Term Agreements with Chinese steel mills.

(iii)Private exporters who own mines have been allowed to export high-grade iron ore to bring in healthy competition when surplus to domestic demand is available.

(iv)The Department of Commerce provides Market Development Assistance (MDA) for all products for participation in overseas trade fairs/exhibition and overseas publicity.