

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SPONGE IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the details of installation capacity and actual production of sponge iron during each of the last three years in these plants; and
- (c) the quantity of sponge iron exported by each of these plants during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)to(c) As per the survey conducted by Joint Plant Committee, the total number of sponge iron units in operation is 150 with an installed capacity of 16.15 million tonnes per annum. Location-wise details of these units are annexed.

Details of production and export of sponge iron during last three years are as under: -

(in `000 tonnes)

Item	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Production	6908.4	8085.0	10296.0
Export	nil	8.905	29.800

Source: Joint Plant Committee and Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association

Annexure

Location-wise details of sponge iron units in the country

(in `000 tonnes)

S. No.	Name of the State	Number of operating units	Capacity of the operating sponge iron units
1	Jharkhand	14	660.6
2	Orissa	33	2193.0
3	West Bengal	27	1545.0
4	Andhra Pradesh	12	684.5
5	Karnataka	13	477.0
6	Tamilnadu	2	130.0
7	Chhattisgarh	38	3783.5
8	Goa	4	166.0
9	Gujarat	1	3600.0
10	Maharashtra	6	2920.0
	Total	150	16151.6