

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), year-wise;
- (b) whether NMDC would give priority to the iron ore requirements of the industries of Maharashtra State over to its export;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The quantity of iron ore exported by NMDC through MMTC during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Qty. Exported (Million Tonnes)
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2003-04	7.1
2004-05	7.5
2005-06	6.0

(b)to(d): NMDC gives priority to domestic steel plants over exports irrespective of the location of the domestic Steel Plants. Domestic demand is not registered as Region/State specific. However, Sponge Iron Plants situated in the state of Chhattisgarh in which NMDC's Bailadila mines are located, are given preference.

NMDC is already supplying iron ore to domestic Steel Plants in the State of Maharashtra viz. Ispat Industries (Dolvi, Raigad District), Vikram Ispat (Salav, Raigad District).