

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN IRON ORE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has any proposal for expansion and increase of iron-ore production;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of targets fixed and achievements made during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the new mines proposed to be acquired by the NMDC in various States during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) has planned to increase the production of iron ore from the level of 27 million tonnes achieved in 2006-07 to 50 million tonnes per annum by 2014-15.

(c): Details of targets for production of iron ore and achievements by NMDC during the last three years are given below.

(Qty. in million tonnes)

Year	Production	
	Target	Achievement
2004-05	19.69	20.74
2005-06	21.00	22.92
2006-07	23.10	27.07

(d): NMDC applies to various State Governments for grant of mining leases from time to time. However it can not be forecasted as to when (during which year) the concerned State Governments will take a decision on mining lease applications made by NMDC.