

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:223

ANSWERED ON:09.08.2005

EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of the total production of iron ore exported during the last three years and thereafter alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) whether domestic demand of iron ore has increased and the Government has not been able to meet the domestic demand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to impose ban on export of iron ore; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith its effect on the domestic steel industry?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIKAMAL NATH)

- (a) The iron ore exported out of the total production during the last three years were 48.47% in 2002-03, 50.94% in 2003-04 and 54.75% (Provisional) in 2004-05. The foreign exchange earned, country-wise, during the last three years is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House.
- (b) Iron ore was available in surplus quantity even after meeting the enhanced domestic consumption.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.
- (e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 223 FOR ANSWER ON 09.08.2005 REGARDING EXPORT OF IRON ORE.

Foreign exchange earned (during the last three years, country-wise on export of iron ore:

(Quantity in Million Tonnes; Value in Rs. Crore)

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05 (Prov.)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
CHINA	26.27	2080.92	4206	5535.63	59.40	11132.69
JAPAN	15.75	1112.72	13.10	996.10	11.13	1128.00
S.KOREA	2.41	190.38	2.15	146.66	2.18	397.60
TAIWAN	0.54	74.06	0.88	74.55	0.61	111.25
EUROPE	2.04	116.28	2.47	157.75	2.89	527.09

OTHERS	0.97	80.79	1.92	131.39	1.94	353.83
TOTAL	48.02	3655.15	62.58	7042.08	78.15	13650.46