

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

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EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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

(a) whether export of iron ore from the country has declined since August, 2008 following a slump in demand for the commodity in the international market including China;

(b) if so, the details thereof, countrywise;

(c) whether iron ore producers in the country have requested the Government to reduce the export duty and freight rates that were raised earlier to prevent excessive exports; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of export of iron ore to different countries from August - October, 2008 as compared to August - October, 2007 are as under :-

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Country	August 2007-08	September 2008-09	October 2007-08	October 2008-09	Total (Aug-Oct) 2007-08	Total (Aug-Oct) 2008-09	%age change 2007-08	%age change 2008-09	over last year
China	49.44	39.16	52.32	26.58	76.33	36.29	178.09	102.03	-42.71
Japan	4.10	1.36	2.50	2.03	4.19	4.73	10.79	8.12	-24.75
S. Korea-	-	-	1.22	0.73	-	0.73	1.22	67.12	
Europe	-	-	-	1.47	-	1.47	-	-100.00	
Others	0.34	1.03	0.17	0.95	0.96	0.37	1.47	2.35	59.86
Total	53.88	41.55	54.99	30.78	83.68	41.39	192.55	113.72	-40.94

Note: All figures are provisional

Source-Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association (GMOEA), Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited(KIOCL), MMTC Limited and Private Exporters

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The export duty on iron ore has since been revised w.e.f. 7.12.2008, to the effect that duty on iron ore fines has been withdrawn and on other grades the duty has been reduced to 5% ad valorem.