

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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IRON ORE RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimated quantum of production, demand and supply of iron ore in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether future demand of iron ore would be met with existing iron ore reserves/resources; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of iron ore?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a): As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the consumption of iron ore in the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 was 78.60, 85.30 and 85.51 million tonnes respectively. State-wise production of iron ore in the last three years is given below:

(unit in '000' tonnes)  
State 2006-07 2007-08 (Revised) 2008-09 (Provisional)

Andhra Pradesh 4985 9164 9910

Chhattisgarh 28731 30997 30093

Goa 28723 30526 32969

Jharkhand 18608 20752 21208

Karnataka 40719 48990 45938

Madhya Pradesh 1212 2256 798

Maharashtra 523 662 368

Orissa 64178 69883 74130

Rajasthan 17 16 23

Total 187696 213246 215437

(b) & (c): India has ample resources of Iron Ore, which can suitably cater the future requirements. The resources of iron ore are dynamic in nature and bound to increase with further exploration.