

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1103  
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EXPORT DUTY ON IRON ORE  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Steel Ministry has demanded raising of exports duty on iron ore in an effort to rein in the spiraling prices and increase in the domestic availability of the product;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and details of other suggestions made by the Ministry in this regard alongwith action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir. Union Steel Ministry has recommended raising of export duty on iron ore as one of the measures to check the price rise and increase domestic availability of iron ore.

(b) Ministry of Finance had received a proposal from Ministry of Steel for imposing export duty on all varieties of iron ore in a graded manner linked to the FOB value of the exports. However, since export duty had been increased on iron ore lumps from 10% to 15% ad valorem, recently on 29th April, 2010, it was felt that any further change so soon would be pre-mature.