

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is a surplus producer of iron ore and is able to meet the domestic demand for the commodity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the production of the said ore in the public and private sector and estimated requirement during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether iron ore reserves are fast depleting in the country due to excessive exploitation/export;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): India has ample resources of Iron Ore, which can suitably cater the domestic requirements. The total iron ore resources in the country are estimated at 25.25 billion tonnes as on 01-04-2005. The resources of iron ore are dynamic in nature and bound to increase with further exploration. The estimated requirement of iron ore during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 was 85.29, 85.51 and 92.28 Million Tonnes respectively. State-wise production of iron ore in the public and private sectors during the 3 years and the current year is given below:-

Qty. in '000' Tonnes
State Sector 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 (P) 2010-11 (P)
(upto September)

Andhra Pradesh Private	9168	10112	6205	512
Chhattisgarh Private	154	250	518	128
Public	30844	29747	25959	13904
Goa Private	30526	31195	39320	14055
Jharkhand Private	10207	11829	13056	6674
Public	10546	9500	9952	5308
Karnataka Private	39044	37152	34215	17456
Public	9946	9819	8801	3318
Madhya Pradesh Private	2256	412	1078	525
Maharashtra Private	644	273	246	106
Public	18	21	4	2
Orissa Private	54718	56968	64737	29524
Public	15165	15659	14537	5436
Rajasthan Private	16	23	12	0
Total	213252	212960	218640	96948

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(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.