

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2572
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ALLOTMENT OF MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether iron ore mines are allotted to both the public and private sector steel plants for their use in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the allotted mines to each of the steel plants, especially to the Steel Authority of India limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL);
- (c) whether some steel plants export additional iron ore;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any control over such deals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): As per the information maintained by the Indian Bureau of Mines, 769 mining leases for iron ore have been granted in the country. A statement showing State-wise leases of iron ore (both in public sector and private sector) as on 31.3.2009 is at ANNEXURE-I.

As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Steel, no mines have been allotted to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL). However, the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) operates nine captive iron ore mines in the states of Jharkhand (4 mines), Orissa (3 mines) and Chattisgarh (2 mines).

(c) & (d): As per available information, The Tantra Raikela & Bandhal captive iron ore of Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. in Orissa is exporting iron ore, the details of which are given below:

(in Thousand Tonnes)
2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

811 908 585

(e) & (f): As per the amended Export & Import Policy incorporated in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), the restrictions regarding export of iron ore effective from 1.4.2008 are given in ANNEXURE II.

ANNEXURE-I

State wise leases of iron ore as on 31.3.2009

Area in Hect.

State	Total	Public Sector	Private Sector
No. Area	No. Area	No. Area	No. Area

Andhra Pradesh	31 1389.68	- 0	31 1389.68
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Chhattisgarh	14 5538.60	9 5116.10	5 422.50
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Goa 359 25877.40 - 0 359 25877.40

Jharkhand 48 12379.23 12 6933.76 36 5445.47

Karnataka 165 18216.54 13 7172.11 152 11044.43

Kerala 1 86.06 - 0 1 86.06

Madhya Pradesh 16 200.76 - 0 16 200.76

Maharashtra 27 1309.90 1 9.32 26 1300.58

Orissa 92 27784.19 20 14602.89 72 13181.30

Rajasthan 16 1525.50 - 0 16 1525.50

Total 769 94307.86 55 33834.18 714 60473.68

ANNEXURE-II

Item Export Policy Nature of restrictions

Iron ore other than those STE Export through MMTC
specified under Free category

Iron ore of Goa origin when exported to Free
China, Europe, Japan, South Korea and
Taiwan, irrespective of the Fe content

Iron ore of Redi origin supplied to Free
all markets, irrespective of the Fe content

All iron ores of Fe content upto 64% Free

Iron ore concentrate prepared by STE Through KIOCL, Bangalore
beneficiation and/or concentration of
low grade ore containing 40% or less iron
produced by Kudremukh Iron Ore Co.
Ltd. (KIOCL)

Iron ore pellets manufactured by KIOCL STE Through KIOCL, Bangalore

Rejects of iron ore chips and like free (i) The quantity of export of
generated from the manufacturing process such rejects shall not be more than
after using imported raw material 10% of the imported raw materials
i.e. pellets
(ii) The size of the rejected pellets
chips (fines) shall be less than 6 mm