

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE BY NMDC
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of iron-ore by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), State-wise;
- (b) the details of the net requirement of iron ore for different sponge iron/pig iron projects and the quantity provided by NMDC to such projects, State-wise and project-wise;
- (c) whether the quantity of iron ore produced by the company is sufficient to fulfil the demand of these plants; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to boost production and ensure that all demands of the sponge iron/pig iron projects in different States are fulfilled?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

- (a) The details of the production of iron ore by NMDC Ltd. during last two years, State-wise are given below:

(Quantity in million tonnes)

Year	Chhattisgarh State	Karnataka state
2009-10	18.08	5.72
2010-11	20.92	4.24

- (b)to(d): The details of the quantity provided by NMDC Ltd. to different sponge iron/pig iron projects, State-wise and project-wise is at Annexure. The consumption of iron ore by the domestic industries during 2009-10 (Prov.) was about 90.6 million tonnes, whereas the total production of iron ore in the country during 2009-10 was about 218.64 million tonnes. NMDC produces only about 12% of country's production of iron ore and therefore cannot be expected to fulfill the full demand of iron ore of various sponge and iron & steel units. However, NMDC is taking steps to increase production of iron ore by opening up new iron ore mines and expanding the capacity of existing iron ore mines.