

**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 the production of Iron Ore by the private sector is more than the public sector;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the efficiency of public sector in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As per available information, a total of 32 Public Sector iron ore Mines reported production of 60.77 million tonnes in the year 2010-2011 as compared to 289 iron ore mines which reported production of 147.33 million tonnes in the Private Sector in the same period. The difference in production between Public Sector and Private Sector could, therefore, be attributed to difference in number of mines and size of operations in Public and Private Sector.

(c): The mining sector has been liberalized since the year 1993 and private participation has been facilitated and the growth in mineral production is driven by market demand.

(d): Does not arise in view of (b) above.