

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:362

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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total iron ore produced in the country, State-wise and grade-wise including the State of Jharkhand during the last three years and the percentage of it being exported;
- (b) the total demand of the iron ore by the steel plants both in the public as well as private sector;
- (c) whether the indigenous production of iron ore is sufficient to meet the requirements of the steel sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether iron ore has to be imported despite its indigenous production to meet the requirements of the steel sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of iron ore in the country especially for the public sector undertakings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 362 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/08/2011 TABLED BY SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR AND SHRI KAMESHWAR BAITHA, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF IRON ORE

(a) The quantity of iron ore produced in the country, exported from the country and the percentage of export out of iron ore produced in the country during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 is given below:

(Quantity in million tonnes)

Year	Iron ore produced@	Iron ore exported#	Percentage of export out of iron ore produced
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2008-09	212.96	105.86	49.7%
2009-10	218.64	117.37	53.7%
2010-11	208.11	97.66	46.9%

(estimated)

@- Source- IBM, Ministry of Mines

#- Source- MMTC, Department of Commerce

The State-wise and grade-wise production of iron ore, including the State of Jharkhand during the year 2007-08 to 2009-10, information is Annexed.

(b) The total domestic consumption of iron ore (including both private sector and public sector steel plants) during 2008-09 to 2010-11 is given below:

(Quantity in million tonnes)
Year Domestic iron ore consumption
2008-09 87.4@
2009-10 90.6@
2010-11 111.4#

@- Source- IBM

#- Estimated by Ministry of Steel

(c) The production of iron ore in the country is about double the consumption of iron ore by the domestic iron & steel industry and therefore is sufficient to meet the present requirement of iron ore by the steel sector in the country.

(d) Though there is enough iron ore available in the country, a very small quantity of iron ore is imported based on specific commercial consideration of individual companies. The details of import of iron ore during 2007-08 to 2009-10 are given below:

(Quantity in million tonnes)
Year Quantity of iron ore imported
2007-08 0.29
2008-09 0.07
2009-10 0.90

Source: <http://www.commerce.nic.in>; DGCI&S, Kolkata

(e) As regards iron ore supply to the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), it is mentioned that Steel Authority of India Ltd. has its own captive iron ore mines, which cater to its full requirement of iron ore, while requirement of iron ore of other major PSUs, viz. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. and KIOCL Ltd. is fulfilled by NMDC Ltd., another PSU under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel. There is adequate availability of iron ore for private sector steel companies.