

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been increase in the gap between the demand and supply of iron ore for the steel plants in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating a ban on the export of iron ore due to huge demand of iron ore in the domestic market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the total foreign exchange generated from the export of iron ore during the last three years; and
- (f) whether there would be any change in the net foreign exchange earned if instead of iron ore the finished products related to iron ore are exported and if so the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. During the last three years, the production of iron ore in the country has remained about double the consumption of iron ore, as per details given below:

Year	Iron ore produced@	Domestic iron ore consumption
2008-09	212.96	87.4@
2009-10	218.64	90.6@
2010-11 (Estimated)	208.11	111.4#

@- Source- IBM, Ministry of Mines #- Estimated by Ministry of Steel

(c)&(d): No, Madam. The Government has decided that though conservation of iron ore resources of the country should be achieved not by banning or capping the export of iron ore but by taking recourse to appropriate fiscal measures.

(e) The total value in Rs. Lacs of iron ores & Concentrates exported from the country during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (April-December) is given below:

(Rs. in Lacs)	
Year	Value
2008-09	2,172,519.50
2009-10	2,836,609.31
2010-11 (April-December)	1,739,939.60

Source: Department of Commerce, Government of India's website- <http://docnic/eidb/ecom.asp>

(f) Yes, Madam, there would be a change in the net foreign exchange earned if, instead of iron ore, the finished products related to iron ore are exported. However, the change in the net foreign exchange earned will depend upon the value addition carried out in the country.