

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SPONGE IRON FACTORY IN ODISHA
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether good quality of iron ore is available in large quantity in Bamanghati Sub-division of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for setting up the Sponge Iron Factory in this district and generate employment in this backward areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): As per the National Mineral Inventory, as on 01.04.2010 (Provisional), the reserves/resources of medium to high grade iron ore (Haematite) in Bamanghati Taluka in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha are placed at 25,803 thousand tonnes.

(c) Steel Industry, including Sponge Iron, being in de-regulated sector, decisions regarding setting up of sponge iron factory are taken by the individual investors themselves and the role of Government is that of a facilitator.