

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of iron ore mines in the country alongwith its quantity present in these mines, State-wise;
- (b) the production and consumption of iron ore alongwith quantity and value of its sale in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is a shortage of iron ore in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith measures taken/to be taken to meet the shortage;
- (e) whether the Government proposes bidding for mining iron ore blocks in Afghanistan or other countries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith pros and cons of undertaking such an investment?

Answer

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

(a): State wise details on number of mines of iron ore is given in the table below

State No of reporting
Iron Ore Mines [2010-11 (P)]

Andhra Pradesh 29

Goa 70

Jharkhand 20

Karnataka 86

Madhya Pradesh 6

Maharashtra 15

Odisha 60

Rajasthan

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Total 297

(P) : Provisional

(Source: MCDR Returns)

State wise details on resources of iron ore are given below:

State Resources of iron Ore (in thousand tonnes) (as on 1.4.2010)

Haematite Magnetite

Andhra Pradesh 381,478 1,463,541

Assam 12,600 15380

Bihar 55 2659

Chhattisgarh 3,291,824 -

Goa 927,172 222,673

Jharkhand 4,596,620 10,541

Karnataka 2,158,678 7,801,744

Kerala - 83,435

Madhya Pradesh 231,446 -

Maharashtra 283,209 1361

Meghalaya 225 3,380

Nagaland - 5,280

Odisha 5,930,232 199

Rajasthan 30,560 526831

Uttar Pradesh 38,000 -

Tamilnadu - 507037

Total 17,882,098 10644060

(b): State wise production of iron ore (quantity and value) in last three years and domestic consumption of iron ores is given below:

(Quantity of production and domestic consumption in thousand tonnes/Value in 'thousand Rs.)

States 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 (P)

Produc	value	Domestic	Produc	value	Domestic	Produc	value	Domestic
-tion	Consump	-tion	Consum	-tion	Consum	-tion	Consum	-tion
-tion	-ption	-ption	-mption	-tion	-mption	-tion	-mption	-mption

ANDHRA 10112 15211659 4956 6246 8101303 3393 1435 422293 537

PRADESH

CHHAT 29997 59064269 25631 26211 44227248 24115 29146 82675755 23869

-TISGARH

GOA 31195 48609019 7553 38136 55846319 8826 36723 7408391 6522

JHARK- 21329 9246556 13912 22547 11242048 14286 23174 16393379 11602

HAND

KARNA- 46971 57305574 25941 43163 48811665 27049 37878 62114924 31022

TAKA

MADHYA 412 101332 570 1058 359750 1016 1745 789840 1029

PRADESH

MAHAR- 294 236085 215 283 221777 341 1520 1231774 1086

ASHTRA

ORISSA 72627 95665250 47422 80896 95807348 51784 76350 137623681 51122

RAJA- 23 4276 23 13 2594 13 27 6392 26

STHAN

TOTAL 212960 285444020 126223 218553 264620052 130822 207998 375343429 126814

(P): Provisional, (Source: MCDR returns)

(c) & (d) : There is no shortage of iron ore in the country and as on 1.4.2010, the total resources of iron ore in the country is 28.52 billion tonnes which is likely to increase with further exploration and due to reduction of the threshold value of iron ore from 55% Fe to 45%Fe.

(e) and (f) : Since obtaining assets abroad is a measure that would ensure that the country's future raw material interests are secure in the long run, a consortium consisting of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), NMDC Limited, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Tata Steels, JSW Steels Limited and Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., has won a bid for three blocks in Hajigak iron ore deposit in Afghanistan.