

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON EXPORT OF CHROME ORE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the export of chrome ore is affecting the steel industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken being proposed by the Government to save the steel manufacturers/ industry and ensure the supply of raw materials to the industry;
- (d) whether the Government intends to impose ban on the export of chrome ore in view of its diminishing reserves; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) : At present India's production is sufficient to meet domestic consumption as well as export. Therefore, presently export of chrome ore is not directly impacting the steel industry. India has 203 million tonnes of total resources out of which there is only 54 million tonnes are reserves and 149 million tonnes are remaining resources.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d): As per available information, export of chrome ore is guided by Exim Policy of the country. The present production of chromite is sufficient to meet domestic consumption as well as export requirements. There is no proposal by the Ministry to impose complete ban on export of chrome ore.
- (e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.