

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantity of iron ore produced/mined and consumed in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of iron ore exported during the said period;
- (c) the price per tonne in March, 2006 and in March, 2012;
- (d) whether some steel industries particularly small and medium units are not getting adequate supply of iron ore , pushing them to the verge of closure;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government for regular and adequate supply of iron ore to these units?

Answer

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

(a):The statewise production of iron ore during the last three years is given at Annexure-I.

Statewise consumption of iron ore is not maintained centrally. However, the reported consumption of iron ore (by Industry) during 2008-09 to 2010-11 is given at Annexure-II.

(b): The quantum of iron ore exported in 2009-10 was 124.09 million tonnes, in 2010-11 it was 92.59 million tonnes and in 2011-12 (upto Aug, 2011) it was 25.42 million tone (Source TRU).

Â©:The Grade wise average sale prices of iron ore for the month of March, 2012 are yet to be published and the latest information compiled for average sale prices is only for the month of January, 2012. The Grade wise average sale prices of iron ore at pit head from all Non captive mines during March, 2006 and that in January 2012 are given at Annexure-III.

(d):At aggregate level the present production of iron ore in the country is sufficient to meet the present requirement of iron ore by the domestic steel sector including the small and medium units.

(e)& (f): Does not arise in the view of the above.