

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4613
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IRON ORE FINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Iron Ore Fines do not have sufficient domestic market in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it would pose serious environmental hazard if allowed to accumulate in the mines itself;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes suitable measures to provide marketing facilities in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The total domestic consumption of iron ore Fines as a percentage of total iron ore Fines produced stood at 37%, 34% and 50% in the year 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.
- (c): Iron ore Fines, if not disposed and stacked properly, has potential to lead to environmental hazard, apart from restricting further mining of iron ore.
- (d) & (e): Marketing of iron ore is not controlled by the Government and is driven by market demand and supply. The Government does not propose to create marketing facilities for iron ore Fines.