

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SPONGE IRON PRODUCTION PLANT
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sponge iron production plants have suspended production owing to non-supply of iron ore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to address the problems of the dependence of industries on iron ore?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Iron and Steel industry including the sponge iron industry is in de-regulated sector and supply of iron ore for the sponge iron plants are sourced by the individual companies as per their requirement. The production of iron ore in India is in excess of the total estimated domestic consumption by the iron and steel industry. Therefore, overall there is no scarcity of iron ore for the domestic iron and steel industry.