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EXPORT OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantity and value of export of natural minerals such as iron, manganese, zinc etc. during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken to fulfil the domestic requirement and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Major minerals being exported from India are Iron Ore, Chrome Ore and Manganese Ore. Details of quantity and value of exports of Chrome ore and Manganese ore are at Statement 1 & 2. In case of Iron ore, almost the entire quantity is procured from the states of Orissa, Chattisgarh, Goa, Karnataka and Jharkhand and exported from the ports of Vishakapatnam, Chennai, Ennore, Goa, Paradip, Haldia, Krishnapatnam etc. The iron ore gets stored and blended with cargo at various ports and hence loses its identity. As such the details of quantity and value of state wise export of Iron ore is not available. However, the details showing port wise export of iron ore along with the value are placed at Statement 3. Details of state-wise export of zinc are also not available. However, details of quantity and value of export of zinc ores and concentrates are at Statement 4.

(b) The export of Indian minerals is driven more by the domestic demand than export demand. Accordingly, in respect of major minerals such as iron ore, chrome and manganese ore only the surplus available after meeting the domestic demand are exported.