

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4281  
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UTILISATION OF IRON ORE  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a huge surplus of iron ore in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for its optimum utilisation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a & b): Madam, the present production of iron ore in the country is sufficient to meet the current demand of domestic industries. State wise opening stock, production, requirement/ consumption and surplus availability of iron ore for the year 2011-12 is given in Annexure-I.

(c): The Central Government has taken various measures to encourage beneficiation and pelletization in the country. To encourage beneficiation and pelletization, import duty on plants and equipments used for initial setting up and substantial expansion of beneficiation and pelletization plants has been reduced from 7.5% to 2.5% in the General Budget for year 2012-13. To regulate export of Iron ore the Central Government has increased the export duty on iron ore from 20% to 30% advalorem on all grades of iron ore(except pellets) with effect from 30.12.2011.

Annexure-I

State wise opening stock, production & requirement and surplus availability of iron ore for the year 2011-12

(Unit: Thousand Tonnes)

State 2011-12

Opening Stock Production Requirement Surplus (+/-)

All India 120630 167289 110945 176974  
(Total)

Andhra Pradesh 878 1714 6030 -3438

Chhattisgarh 2642 30455 17769 15328

Goa 4309 33372 847 36834

Jharkhand 23900 18942 15574 27268

Karnataka 29614 13189 16930 25873

Maharashtra 245 1470 5598 -3883

Odisha 58333 67013 8877 116469

Others 709 1134 39320 -37477

(Source: Mineral Conservation and Development Rules- Returns to IBM)