

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of production, requirement/consumption and availability of iron ore in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the identified source of iron ore in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is fall in the production of iron ore in the country during the said period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Government to increase the production;
- (d) the quantity and value of iron ore exported during the said period;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to reduce the export duty on iron ore and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has any data of cost of iron ore manufactured by other countries and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Details of State-wise production, availability of Iron ore is at Annexure-I, Annexure-II respectively and industries wise consumption at Annexure-III.

(b) and (c) Iron ore production declined by 5.21% from 2009-10 to 2010-11 and by 19.25% from 2010-11 to 2011-12.

Primarily, production of Iron ore is dependent on its demand and supply in the domestic and international markets. Suspension of mining operations in the States of Karnataka and Goa as per orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (civil) 562 of 2009 and Writ Petition (civil) 435 of 2012 respectively, has also contributed in the fall of iron ore production, during the period.

(d) The quantity and value of Iron ore exported during the last three years and current year is given below:

Quantity: '000 tonnes)                      (Value in Rs. '000)

Iron 2009-10 2010-11 (R) 2011-12 (P) 2012-13 (upto  
ore                      January 2013)  
Grades

Qty    Value    Qty    Value    Qty    Value    Qty    Value

Total 101531 283661742 46890 214156853 47153 221844034 14495 71333297

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

(e) Export of iron ore is regulated by the Export-Import (EXIM) Policy of Government. To conserve natural resources and to meet the domestic demand, duty on export of iron ore has been increased from 20% to 30% ad valorem basis on all grades of iron ore (except pellets) with effect from 30.12.2011. At present, there is no proposal to reduce the export duty on iron ore.

(f) The Central Government does not maintain data on cost of iron ore manufactured by other countries