

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE 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 shortage of iron ore in the country, particularly in Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to increase the production and ensure its availability as per its demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): As per information made available by Indian Bureau of Mines (a sub-ordinate office of the Ministry of Mines), details of State-wise production and availability of Iron ore is at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. Industry-wise consumption is at Annexure-III.

(b) and (c): Iron ore production declined by 18.62% from 2010-11 to 2011-12 and by 19.31% from 2011-12 to 2012-13. Suspension of iron ore mining operations in Karnataka by the Supreme Court in its order dated 29.7.2011 in SLP (Civil) nos. 7366-7367/2010 and order dated 26.8.2011 in WP (Civil) no. 562 of 2009 and Supreme Court order dated 5.10.2012 in WP (Civil) no. 435 of 2012 to suspend iron ore mining in the State of Goa has also contributed in the decline of iron ore production during this period.

(d): In Karnataka, mining operations have resumed in 19 mines by following the directions issued by the Supreme Court in its judgment dated 18.04.2013. State Government of Goa has taken steps for e-auction of 11.48 MT of excavated iron ore lying in mines and stockyards as per direction of the Supreme Court in its order dated 11.11.2013.