

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the prices at which the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has been supplying iron ore in the domestic market during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the prices at which iron ore is being exported to various countries including Japan during the said period, country-wise;
- (c) whether the price realisation from export is less than that in the domestic market and if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ban export of iron ore with `Fe content` above 64 per cent for benefit of the domestic steel plants; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI) STEEL AND MINES

(a) Details of prices at which National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has been supplying iron ore in the domestic market during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:-

PERIOD	Domestic Price (in Rs/Ton for mine basis, excluding Royalty, Taxes, Duties etc)	
	BAILA LUMP	BAILA FINES
F.Y 2011-12		
Q1 : APR.'11 - JUNE'11	4540	2870
Q2: JULY'11 - SEPT.'11	4600	2880
Q3 : OCT.'11 - DEC.'11	5120	3380
Q4 : JAN.'12 - MAR.'12	4960	2590

F.Y 2012-13		
Q1: APR.'12 - JUNE'12	5480	2800
Q2: JULY'12 - SEPT'12	6190	3030
OCTOBER'12	6070	2690
NOVEMBER'12	5380	2610
DECEMBER'12	5380	2610
JANUARY'13	5060	2610
FEBRUARY'13	5060	2610
MARCH'13	4950	2610

F.Y 2013-14		
APRIL'13	4600	2610
MAY'13	4600	2610
JUNE'13	4600	2610
JULY'13	4400	2510
AUGUST'13	4200	2510
SEPTEMBER'13	4200	2510
OCTOBER'13	4300	2610
NOVEMBER'13	4300	2610
DECEMBER'13	4500	2810
JANUARY '14	4500	2810
FEBRUARY'14	4500	2910
MARCH'14	4500	2910

F.Y 2014-15		
APRIL'14	4500	2910
MAY'14	4300	2910
JUNE'14	4600	3160
JULY'14	4600	3160
AUG.'14	4600	3160
SEP.'14	4600	3160
OCT.'14	4600	3160
NOV.'14	4400	3160
DEC.'14	4200	3060

(b) Presently NMDC is exporting iron ore to Japan and South Korea only and details of the prices at which iron ore is being exported to these two countries during the last three years and the current year are as under :-

PERIOD Export Price (US\$ /DLT, FOB VIZAG PORT)
BAILA LUMP BAILA FINES

F.Y 2011-12
Q1 : APR.'11 - JUNE'11 NO EXPORT NO EXPORT
Q2: JULY'11 - SEPT.'11 NO EXPORT NO EXPORT
Q3: OCT.'11- DEC.'11 NO EXPORT NO EXPORT
Q4: JAN.'12 - MAR.'12 NO EXPORT NO EXPORT

FY 2012-13
Q1: APR.'12 - JUNE'12 146.90 135.20
Q2: JULY'12 - SEPT.'12 153.60 141.38
Q3: OCT.'12- DEC'12 131.93 121.43
Q4: JAN.'13 - MAR.'13 116.57 107.30

FY 2013-14
Q1: APR.'13 - JUNE'13 154.78 142.47
Q2: JULY'13 - SEPT.'13 142.16 130.84
Q3: OCT.'13 - DEC.'13 133.34 121.90
Q4: JAN.'14 - MAR.'14 140.77 126.86

FY 2014-15
Q1: APR.'14 - JUNE'14 136.96 122.43
Q2: JULY'14 - SEPT.'14 111.96 103.16
Q3: OCT.'14 - DEC.'14 96.75 88.06

(c) Sales under export agreements are done on Free on Board (FOB) port basis whereas domestic sales are done on Free on Rail (FOR) / Free on Truck (FOT) mine basis and as such these two types of prices are not directly comparable.

(d)&(e): No, Madam. The Government has decided that although conservation of iron ore resources is of paramount importance, the same may not be achieved by banning or capping export of iron ore but by taking recourse to appropriate fiscal measures.