GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINES LOK SABHA

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BAUXITE MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Aluminium based industries have been affected on a large scale due to shortage of bauxite in the country including Chhattisgarh and Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the production of bauxite during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the bauxite mining in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The year-wise production, export and import of bauxite are as under:

(Quantity in thousand tonnes)
Year 2011-12 Year 2012-13 Year 2013-14 Year 2014-15

(Provisional) (upto Jan. 2015)

Production 13600 16612 21666 18688 Export 401 4198 3493 5888 Import 79 67 422 1513

The production of bauxite has been rising over the last few years. India is a net of Bauxite. At the overall level, there does not appear to be a shortage of bauxite in the country.

(c): The Government has amended Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. This will boost the mining sector which includes bauxite.