

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5026(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th MARCH, 2018

EXPORT OF IRON ORE

5026(H). SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- the details of total production of iron ore in the country and its export to various other countries during the last three years and the current year, country-wise indicating the percentage of its production exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, year and country-wise;
- whether iron ore is exported from the country keeping in view its decreasing reserves, its demand and consumption and after meeting its domestic demand and if so, the details thereof;
- whether it is a fact that the export of iron ore is increasing every year whereas its domestic demand is not being met as a result of which the country has become exporter of iron ore instead of becoming a producer of iron ore based domestic products and if so, the details thereof along with the demand and supply ratio of iron ore in the country;
- whether non fulfillment of domestic iron ore demand is leading to closure of various industries as they are unable to utilize their capacity and if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- whether the Government proposes to reconsider the export policy of iron ore so as to protect the domestic industries and if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Details of iron ore production in the country and its export quantity along with foreign exchange earned therefrom is as follows (percentage of Export to Production included) :

(Qty in Million Tonne)

Year	Production	Export	Percentage of Export to Production	Foreign Exchange Earned (USD in Million)
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2014-15	129.32	7.30	5.64%	515.27
2015-16	158.11	5.44	3.44%	191.46
2016-17	192.08 (P)	30.73	16%	1533.53
2017-18	145.75 (P) (upto December)	18.47 (upto January)	-	1151.44 (upto January)

Source : Production: IBM, Nagpur.

Export: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

India's export of iron ore country-wise during last three years and current year (Up to January 2018) is as follows:

Country	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18(till Jan-18)	
	Quantity (in Tonnes)	Value (in USD)	Quantity (in Tonnes)	Value (in USD)	Quantity (in Tonnes)	Value (in USD)	Quantity (in Tonnes)	Value (in USD)
CHINA P RP	4287520	196807808	5061373	155280876	29474841	1449595257	14047572	841708538
JAPAN	1881987	184460259			468513	23055931	2183571	150230320
KOREA RP	512722	49941839			74642	4336591	866055	69226732
OMAN	27500	701029	128	28417	416351	32020347	387604	35364044
VIETNAM SOC REP			4874	287522			259419	19535137
MALAYSIA			21340	1287290			218271	9554617
SINGAPORE							165155	9358983
KOREA DP RP							75888	4656111
U K							59592	4468946
U ARAB EMTS	648	173001	21945	1601701	135	38941	53012	3730313
INDONESIA							77440	1860148
KENYA					19360	506854	44880	1109521
NEPAL	2156	81222	44169	1142243	37443	861657	32009	629094
PHILIPPINES							10	4422
FINLAND			3	72	27	11022	3	397
NORWAY							1	246
U S A	15	766					3	165
GERMANY							3	154
MALDIVES							0	24
SOUTH AFRICA			7	331	1	59	0	12
SWEDEN							0	10
AUSTRALIA					1	30	0	7
AUSTRIA			2	61	0	10		
CANADA			7	147	0	37		
IRAN	535245	77475129	290314	31772256	63358	6341448		
ITALY					108900	10482057		
KUWAIT			108	33661				
NETHERLAND					65879	6217116		
RUSSIA			80	1491				
SAUDI ARAB	314	111433	135	22651	604	61401		
OTHERS	50000	5517462						
TOTAL	7298107	515269948	5444485	191458719	30730055	1533528758	18470488	1151437941

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

- (b) Certain grades of Iron-ore are already regulated as per the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20. Iron ore of Fe content above 64% (other than of Redi origin to all markets and Iron ore of Goa origin when exported to China, Europe, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan irrespective of the Fe content) is regulated under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 by way of canalization through MMTCL Limited. Differential duty has also been imposed on export of various grades of Iron Ore. Therefore, steps/measures are already in place to regulate exports of Iron Ore to meet the domestic requirements.

- (c) No, Madam. As per DGCI&S data, export of iron ore during last three years and current year has shown a fluctuating trend.
- (d) Production of iron ore during the last three years is more than the domestic consumption and exports. Iron & Steel being deregulated sector, capacity utilization of plants is based on commercial consideration.
- (e) At present, there is no proposal for revision of export policy of Iron Ore.
