

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4716**  
**FOR ANSWER ON 22/07/2019**

**PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE**

4716. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether efforts are being made by the Government to enhance the production of iron ore in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the State-wise details of the opened and closed steel plants during the said period along with the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): The Government has notified Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 to streamline grant of mining leases in order to maintain sufficient availability of iron ore for the steel sector.

To ensure supply of raw material by timely auction of leases expiring in 2020 under section 8A (5) of the MMDR Act, the Central Government has amended the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, making it mandatory for the lease holders to carry out G2 level exploration over the entire mineralized area by 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.

The State Governments are empowered to carry out auction of mineral blocks under the extant act/rules. As on date, 20 blocks of iron ore have been successfully auctioned with a reserve of 583.057 million tonnes.

(c) State-wise details of opened and closed steel plants during last three years is at **Annexure**.

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## Annexure

2018-19					
Crude steel units closed			Crude steel units opened		
State	No. of Units	Capacity ('000 t)	State	No. of Units	Capacity ('000 t)
ANDHRA PRADESH	4	119	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	54
ASSAM	1	127	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2	53
BIHAR	22	519	CHHATTISGARH	12	680
CHHATTISGARH	13	1292	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	2	17
GOA	2	42	GUJARAT	12	526
GUJARAT	5	1739	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3	68
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	60	JHARKHAND	3	59
JHARKHAND	78	925	KARNATAKA	2	138
KARNATAKA	1	1	KERALA	3	31
KERALA	3	62	MADHYA PRADESH	3	394
MADHYA PRADESH	2	31	MAHARASHTRA	5	836
MAHARASHTRA	13	618	ODISHA	6	421
ODISHA	12	1248	PUDUCHERRY	1	10
PUDUCHERRY	2	26	PUNJAB	19	679
PUNJAB	21	350	RAJASTHAN	4	222
RAJASTHAN	2	114	UTTAR PRADESH	6	119
TELANGANA	6	183	UTTARAKHAND	14	671
UTTAR PRADESH	1	40	WEST BENGAL	4	362
WEST BENGAL	3	305	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>5338</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>7800</b>			

Source - JPC

2017-18					
Crude steel units closed			Crude steel units opened		
State	No. of Units	Capacity ('000 t)	State	No. of Units	Capacity ('000 t)
ANDHRA PRADESH	2	105	ASSAM	3	87
ASSAM	5	54	CHHATTISGARH	15	1951
CHANDIGARH	2	77	GUJARAT	10	2185
CHHATTISGARH	16	447	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	8
DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	4	50	JHARKHAND	5	383
DAMAN AND DIU	1	10	KARNATAKA	2	55
GOA	6	283	MAHARASHTRA	7	1672
GUJARAT	9	150	MEGHALAYA	2	62
HARYANA	5	50	ODISHA	4	3802
HIMACHAL PRADESH	2	24	PUNJAB	16	793
KERALA	1	18	RAJASTHAN	1	29
MADHYA PRADESH	4	66	TAMIL NADU	3	189
MAHARASHTRA	17	435	UTTAR PRADESH	1	18
MEGHALAYA	8	196	UTTARAKHAND	1	30
ODISHA	19	271	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11262</b>
PUDUCHERRY	6	114			
PUNJAB	12	434			
RAJASTHAN	8	173			
TAMIL NADU	11	224			
TELANGANA	5	146			
UTTAR PRADESH	15	310			
UTTARAKHAND	1	22			
WEST BENGAL	36	788			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>4446</b>			

Source : JPC

2016-17					
Crude steel units closed			Crude steel units opened		
State	No. of Units	Capacity ('000 t)	State	No. of Units	Capacity ('000 t)
CHHATTISGARH	4	291	ANDHRA PRADESH	2	450
GUJARAT	2	65	CHHATTISGARH	19	3442
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	10	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	1	18
KARNATAKA	2	120	DAMAN AND DIU	1	10
MAHARASHTRA	1	36	GUJARAT	6	84
ODISHA	13	1006	JHARKHAND	1	6
PUNJAB	5	145	KARNATAKA	2	328
RAJASTHAN	4	154	MADHYA PRADESH	1	21
TAMIL NADU	1	30	MAHARASHTRA	7	158
TELANGANA	1	120	ODISHA	2	2815
UTTAR PRADESH	15	309	TAMIL NADU	9	220
UTTARAKHAND	1	8	TELANGANA	2	141
WEST BENGAL	5	337	UTTAR PRADESH	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2630</b>	UTTARAKHAND	3	85
			<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7790</b>

Source : JPC