GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2336
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2015

PRODUCTION/REQUIREMENT OF IRON ORE

2336. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of the production and requirement of iron ore in the country;
(b) the quantum of iron ore likely to be required in the country in 2018;
(c) the quantum of iron ore being exported every year along with the name of countries to which iron ore are being exported;
(d) whether Government will put a ban on the export of iron ore with a view to meet the existing demand and the future requirements; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Details of the production and reported domestic consumption of iron ore during the year 2011-12 to 2014-15 (upto October, 2014) is at Annexure-I.

(b): The mining sector has been liberalized since the year 1993. The demand and supply of minerals including iron ore is driven by the market. The Working Group for 12th Five Year Plan, Planning Commission of India has estimated that the apparent consumption of iron ore may be at 218 million tonnes by 2016-17 at 8% growth rate.

(c): Country-wise details of quantum of iron ore exported during the year 2011-12 to 2014-15 (April-December, 2014) is at Annexure-II.

(d) to (e): Export of minerals including iron ore is guided by the Export-Import policy of Government. To conserve natural resources and to meet the domestic requirement, duty on export of iron ore has been increased from 20% to 30% ad valorem basis on all grades of iron ore (except pellets) with effect from 30.12.2011. Export duty of 5% has been imposed on iron ore pellets with effect from 27.01.2014.

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Annexure-I & II referred in reply to Rajya Sabha unstarred question number 2336 for reply on 18.03.2015 regarding ‘production/requirement of iron ore’ asked by Shri Motilal Vora

Annexure-I

Details of quantum of the production and reported consumption of iron ore in the country
(In Million tonnes)

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<td>Production</td>
<td>168.58</td>
<td>136.62</td>
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<td>Reported Consumption</td>
<td>100.57</td>
<td>103.40</td>
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Source: Indian Bureau of Mines
(P): Provisional
(E): Estimated
NA: Not Available

Annexure-II

Country-wise details of export of iron ore
(Quantity in Million tonnes)

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<td>Other Countries</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>47.14</strong></td>
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<td><strong>16.30</strong></td>
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Source: Indian Bureau of Mines
P: Provisional
R: Revised
++: Negligible