

Export of iron ore

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SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total production of iron ore, its export and foreign currency earned thereby in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether iron ore is exported only after keeping in view its depleting reserves, heavy demand and consumption in the country and after meeting its domestic demand;
- (c) if so, the country-wise details thereof and the percentage of production that was exported;
- (d) whether Government propose to reconsider the export policy of iron ore to save the domestic industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) India's total iron ore production, exports and foreign exchange earning during the last three years are as under :-

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)

Year	Production	Exports	Value (Rs. in Crores)
2006-07	187.70	93.79	18836
2007-08	206.45	104.27	34100
2008-09	215.44	105.87	34036

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Iron ore production in India has always been higher than the capacity of domestic steel industry to consume it. India is mainly exporting iron ore fines which are not used by domestic steel industry due to limited sintering and pelletisation capacity. There is a need to export excess ore (mainly fines) as it cannot be stored. Of the total iron ore exported during the year 2008-09, iron ore fines constituted about 87% share. If iron ore fines are not evacuated and exported, it

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would cause environmental degradation and hazards in mining areas. The details of production, domestic consumption, export, surplus and percentage of exports as against production during the last three years are as under :

Iron-ore production, domestic consumption, export, surplus and percentage of exports

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)

Year	Production	Consumption	Exports	Surplus	Percentage of exports vis-a-vis production
2006-07	187.70	76.06	93.79	17.85	49.96
2007-08	206.45	81.16	104.27	21.02	50.50
2008-09	215.44	88.22	105.87	21.35	49.14

India's country-wise iron ore exports

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)

Country	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
China	80.16	91.98	97.85
Japan	8.63	7.70	5.43
South Korea	1.91	1.77	.99
Europe	2.07	1.62	.75
Others	1.02	1.20	.85
Total	93.79	104.27	105.87

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Trade across the line of control

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