

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

†1798. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS :

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE :

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

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- (a) whether Government has made efforts to enhance travelling and trade across the line of control;
- (b) the aims and objectives behind these travelling and trade;
- (c) whether it will affect domestic trade in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Srinagar - Muzaffarabad and the Poonch - Rawalkot bus services were started on April 7, 2005 and June 19, 2006 respectively. Trade on these routes commenced on October 21, 2008.

- (b) The aims and objective behind these travel and trade initiative is to improve market access for local produce and enhance people to people contact .
- (c) Trade on these routes does not significantly affect domestic trade in the country .
- (d) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of restrictions on Foreign Capital Investment

†1799. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that United States and other European countries are insisting on India to allow foreign capital investment and withdrawal of restrictions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of restriction on trade and industry withdrawn for foreign capital investment in the country during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The United States has suggested relaxation in FDI Policy in sectors such as retail trade, insurance, etc.

- (c) Review of FDI policy is a continuous process and Government notifies any change in FDI policy through Press Notes issued from time to time. Simplification/rationalization of FDI Policy were announced *vide* :