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#### **Iron ore reserves**

**\*450. SHRI DEVDAS APTE:** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mineable reserve of iron ore in the country is much less than many other iron ore producing countries; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that our country was the biggest exporter of iron ore in the world during the last decade?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):** (a) As per Mineral Commodity Summaries, published in January 2005 by the U.S. Geological Survey, India has the 8th largest reserves of crude ore in the world, after Ukraine, Russia, China, Brazil, Australia, Kazakhstan and the United States. U.S. Geological Survey defines reserves as that part of the reserve base which can be economically extracted or produced and hence it corresponds to mineable reserves.

(b) No, Sir.

#### **Debt-burden on farmer households in Punjab**

**\*451. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average outstanding loan per farmer household is the highest in Punjab as compared to other States, as per the survey conducted recently by the National Sample Survey Organization; and