

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435**  
**FOR ANSWER ON 13/03/2023**

**ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION OF IRON ORE**

1435 SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken for environment friendly transportation of iron ore from steel plants to its places of utilisation;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted on the effects of the iron ore dust on ambient air quality surrounding Steel Plants;
- (c) if so, the details of the findings of such study; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a)to(d): Government has made it mandatory to obtain Environment Clearance (EC) for iron ore mining, iron and steel industrial projects. As per terms of reference for EC, project proponents must ensure environment friendly transport and include this aspect in impact assessment and environment management plan. Environmental standards including ambient air quality surrounding steel plants for iron and steel plants and for iron ore mining and processing are notified in Environment(Protection) Rules, 1986. As per EC terms, air and water quality monitoring in project areas must be carried out by project proponents and reports submitted on a half yearly basis.

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