## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3006 FOR ANSWER ON 05/12/2016

## **IRON ORE EXPORT**

3006. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved a proposal of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) to export high grade iron ore to South Korea and Japan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has ensured that export of huge quantity of high grade iron ore will not adversely affect the domestic users; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Government has on 24.06.2015 approved the proposal to extend Long Term Agreement for export of NMDC iron ore to Japan & South Korea for a period of 3 years i.e. from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2018.
- (c)&(d): To discourage the export of Iron Ore and to ensure its sufficient availability to Domestic Steel Industry, the Government has presently imposed export duty @ 30% ad valorem on iron ore above 58% Fe grade.

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