

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5222**  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019

**ASSESSMENT OF IRON ORE**

† 5222. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the total need of iron-ore in the country keeping the view of domestic industry's demand during the current Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey in regard to iron ore deposits in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and State/UT-wise target set for mapping and exploration of iron-ore;
- (d) the details of iron-ore extracted in the country during the current year, State-wise;
- (e) whether the present availability of iron-ore in the country is sufficient to meet the domestic demand; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): Ministry of Steel has informed that Steel is a deregulated sector and procurement of iron-ore is done by individual steel companies taking into consideration their requirement and market dynamics. Estimated future annual requirements of iron-ore for next five years are given below:

(in Million Tonnes)

Year	Demand – Iron Ore
2019-20	194
2020-21	208
2021-22	224
2022-23	240
2023-24	257

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The details are placed at Annexure.

(d): The State-wise production of Iron Ore during 2018-19 is as follows:

(Qty in '000 tonnes)

State	2018-19 (P)
Andhra Pradesh	655
Chhattisgarh	34945
Goa	0
Jharkhand	23433
Karnataka	29796
Madhya Pradesh	2792
Maharashtra	660
Odisha	113055
Rajasthan	1108
Telangana*	2

(P): Provisional; Source: MCDR returns; \* : Production from associated mine.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. The production of iron-ore is sufficient to meet the current demand/ consumption by domestic industry in the country.

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## Annexure

The State/UT – wise details of iron-ore exploration items taken by Geological Survey of India during current Field Season [FS] programme 2019-20 indicating targets set for mapping and exploration

S No.	State	District	UNFC Stage	Mineral Commodity	Target assigned for FS 19-20		
					Large Scale Mapping (sq. km)	Detailed Mapping (sq. km)	Drilling (m)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi	G3	Iron	-	-	1000
2.	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	G4	Iron	100	-	-
3.	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	G4	Iron	100	-	-
4.	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	G4	Iron	100	-	-
5.	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	G3	Iron	-	5	1000
6.	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	G4	Iron & Manganese	100	-	-
7.	Odisha	Kendujhar	G3	Iron	-	0.74	1000
8.	Odisha	Sundargarh	G2	Iron	-	-	3500
9.	Odisha	Jajpur	G3	Iron	-	1.5	500
10.	Odisha	Mayurbhanj	G4	Iron	100	1.0	-
11.	Odisha	Jajpur	G3	Iron	-	1.5	500
12.	Odisha	Kendujhar	G3	Iron and manganese	-	1.72	1000
13.	Bihar	Jamui	G2	Iron	-	-	1500
14.	Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills	G3	Iron	-	1.5	800
15.	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	G3	iron	-	2	550
16.	Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana	Bhadradi-Kothagudem, East Godavari, Sukma	G4	Iron	150	-	-
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	G3	Iron	-	2	2000
18.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam	G4	Iron	100	-	-
19.	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	G4	Iron	100	-	-
20.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	G4	Iron	100	-	-
21.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	G4	Iron	100	-	-
22.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam	G4	Iron	100	-	-
23.	Karnataka	Bellary	G2	iron	-	1.25	3400
24.	Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	G2	iron	-	-	5000
25.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	G3	iron	-	1.5	-
26.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	G3	iron	-	1.5	-