

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 229**

EXTRACTION OF IRON ORE

229. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan of extracting iron ore from Salem District in Tamil Nadu to be processed in Salem Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey recently about the availability of iron ore in Salem and Namakkal districts of Tamil Nadu along with a viability details; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(a)&(b): Salem Steel Plant has no mining leases to extract iron ore and has not applied for any such lease.

(c)&(d): Recently, following the notification of Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Amendment Rules, 2021, Geological Memorandum on iron ore pertaining to Namakkal and Salem districts of Tamil Nadu were handed over to the Government of Tamil Nadu by Geological Survey of India (GSI) for auctioning as composite licenses, the details of which are as follows: -

Sl No.	State	District	Title of the report	Field Survey year	No. of Blocks	Commodity
1	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal	Investigation for Iron Ore in the Banded Magnetite Quartzite between Namagiripettai and Tammampatti, Namakkal and Salem districts, Tamil Nadu (G4)	2016-17	3	Iron Ore
2		Namakkal and Salem				
3		Namakkal and Salem				
