IMPORT OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has to import iron ore despite its production in the country;

(b) if so, the demand of iron being made by the public sector and private sector steel plants set up in the country;

(c) whether we are able to supply ore as per the demand of private sector and PSUs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to supply iron ore to these steel plants?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (e): The details of import, production and supply of iron ore during the last three years are as follows:-

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<th>2018-19</th>
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<td>Import of Iron Ore</td>
<td>12.804</td>
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<td>Iron Ore Production</td>
<td>206.49</td>
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<td>Iron Ore Demand</td>
<td>177</td>
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[Source: DGFT & JPC/IBM, *provisional]

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