

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2462
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE

2462. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of iron ore from each iron ore bearing States during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the production of iron ore in some States;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to increase the production of iron ore?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The State-wise production of iron ore during 2018-19 to 2020-21(P) and 2020-21 (April-January) vis-à-vis 2021-22 (April-January) is provided at Table in Annexure. The total production of iron ore in India increased during 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19, but it decreased in 2020-21(P) as compared to 2019-20. The reason for decline in the production of iron ore was that the year 2020-21 was affected by the pandemic as well as large number of leases expiring on 31.03.2020. However, total production of iron ore in India increased by 27% during 2021-22 (April-January) as compared to the same period of the previous year. In the states of Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Maharashtra, the production of iron ore decreased during this period.

(d): The Government has taken various steps to increase production and availability of iron ore, which *inter-alia* include Mining and Mineral Policy reforms to ensure enhanced production, early auction & operationalization of expired mines, ease of doing business, seamless transfer of all valid rights & approvals, incentivizing for starting of mining operation & dispatch, transfer of mining leases, allowing captive mines to sell upto 50% of the minerals produced, enhancing exploration activities, etc.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to LS USQ No. 2462 answered on 16.03.2022 regarding 'PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE'

Table: State-wise Production of iron ore from 2018-19 to 2020-21 and 2020-21 (April-January) vis-à-vis 2021-22 (April-January)

(Qty in '000 tonnes)

State	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21(P)	2020-21 (Apr-Jan) (P)	2021-22 (Apr-Jan) (P)	% growth in 2021-22 over 2020-21(Apr-Jan) (P)
Andhra Pradesh	654	825	360	315	266	-15.56
Chhattisgarh	34,893	34,728	36,989	27,831	32,315	16.11
Goa	0	0	94	94	0	-100.00
Jharkhand	23,433	25,015	21,434	17,573	20,680	17.68
Karnataka	29,823	31,392	34,542	28,544	33,911	18.80
Madhya Pradesh	2,802	3,343	4,094	3,187	5,504	72.70
Maharashtra	660	1,131	1,249	699	664	-5.01
Odisha	1,13,119	1,46,637	1,04,631	81,226	1,09,675	35.02
Rajasthan	1,108	1,012	1,088	873	1,020	16.84
Telanganana	2	0	0	0	0	-
All India: Total	2,06,495	2,44,083	2,04,482	1,60,341	2,04,035	27.25

(P): Provisional; Source: IBM, MCDR returns
