

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5582**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2022**

**EXPORT OF IRON ORE**

5582. SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
DR. GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total production of iron ore in the country and its export to various other countries during the last three years and the current year and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, year and countrywise;
- (b) whether iron ore is exported from the country keeping in view its decreasing reserves, demand and consumption and after meeting the domestic demand and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether export of iron ore is increasing every year whereas its domestic demand is not being met and if so, details thereof along with the demand and supply ratio of iron ore in the country;
- (d) whether non fulfillment of domestic iron ore demand is leading to closure of various industries and if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to reconsider the export policy of iron ore and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) Details of total production of iron ore in the country and its export to various other countries during the last three years and the current year, and the foreign exchange earned therefrom is as follows:-

Year	Production (million tonnes)	Export (million tonnes)	Foreign Exchange Earned (USD in Million)
2018-19	206.49	16.15	1317.29
2019-20	246.08	36.62	2624.96
2020-21	204.28	57.72	4896.30
2021-22(Apr-Jan) Prov.	204.56	21.94	2697.33

Source : Production: Indian Bureau of Mines, Export: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

India's Export of Iron Ore country-wise during last three years and current year is given at **Annexure- I**.

(b), (c) & (d): Certain grades of Iron-ore are regulated as per the Foreign Trade Policy. There is an export duty of 30% on High Grade iron ore (having Fe content of more than 58%). Government has also not extended the Long Term Agreement for export of iron ore to Japan and South Korea beyond 31.03.2021 to prioritize the availability of raw material for the domestic steel industry. 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, seamless transfer of all valid rights & approvals, incentivizing for starting of mining operations & dispatch, transfer of mining leases, allowing captive mines to sell upto 50% of the minerals produced, enhancing exploration activities, etc.

(e): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to reconsider the export policy of iron ore.

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**Annexure-I****India's Export of Iron Ore country-wise during last three years and current year**

(Quantity: in ton) (Value: in USD Million)

Country Description	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22(Apr-Jan) provisional	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
BAHARAIN IS	-	-	-	-	154077.00	27.03	49283.00	9.22
BANGLADESH PR	-	-	-	-	24250.00	0.25	1.00	0.00
BRAZIL	-	-	54016.00	5.87	330598.00	55.66	211810.00	40.99
CHILE	46243.00	5.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHINA P RP	12103283.00	952.82	31605045.00	2134.16	51976090.00	4245.45	18511645.00	2136.24
EGYPT A RP	-	-	-	-	59774.00	7.59	-	-
FRANCE	-	-	55189.00	6.17	30358.00	5.73	23487.00	4.33
INDONESIA	108278.00	10.73	52800.00	5.62	593348.00	72.73	802621.00	136.08
ITALY	-	-	59411.00	6.35	0.00	0.00	332284.00	64.87
JAPAN	1160139.00	85.96	1956021.00	181.43	1999869.00	203.87	74251.00	5.01
KENYA	-	-	-	-	840.00	0.02	48500.00	1.43
KOREA DP RP	108504.00	12.30	-	-	-	-	-	-
KOREA RP	1054579.00	104.92	1015907.00	101.86	658474.00	77.70	501367.00	103.44
MALAYSIA	343861.00	22.50	266389.00	23.72	741645.00	89.01	365101.00	56.26
MEXICO	53987.00	6.02	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEPAL	76831.00	1.47	76998.00	1.84	95277.00	2.51	241570.00	3.00
NETHERLAND	88748.00	9.65	-	-	-	-	-	-
OMAN	252603.00	24.83	530530.00	55.63	697959.00	84.12	453953.00	95.40
POLAND	54432.00	7.60	-	-	72703.00	7.94	-	-
QATAR	-	-	53889.00	7.97	43500.00	0.82	48400.00	4.58
SAUDI ARAB	-	-	49802.00	0.99	-	-	-	-
SINGAPORE	-	-	-	-	-	-	64280.00	4.15
SOUTH AFRICA	99588.00	11.21	51220.00	5.60	-	-	-	-
SPAIN	-	-	54285.00	5.80	-	-	-	-
TURKEY	66919.00	6.63	433060.00	47.56	-	--	-	-
U ARAB EMTS	0.00	0.00	77681.00	9.03	52173.00	1.98	49975.00	2.39
U K	371649.00	39.50	184381.00	21.03	-	-	-	-
VIETNAM SOC REP	159243.00	16.06	47066.00	4.31	191331.00	13.91	161022.00	29.95
Others	14.00	-	7.00	-	379.00	0.23	117.00	0.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>16148901.00</b>	<b>1317.29</b>	<b>36623697.00</b>	<b>2624.96</b>	<b>57722645.00</b>	<b>4896.53</b>	<b>21939670.00</b>	<b>2697.39</b>

Source: DGCI&amp;S, Kolkata

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