

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †2915
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025

IRON ORE RESERVES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has made any estimate of the total iron ore requirement in the country in view of the domestic industry's demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey about the total iron ore reserves in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the State-wise details of the iron ore being extracted and produced in the country during the current year;
- (f) whether the current availability of iron ore in the country is sufficient to meet domestic demand; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): As per the National Steel Policy 2017, the annual steel demand is estimated to reach 230 million ton (mt) by 2030-31. Accordingly, iron ore requirement in 2030-31 is estimated at 437 mt in the Policy.

(c) & (d): Mineral assessment/ discovery is a continuous process and for mineral survey in the country, Geological Survey of India (GSI) is the nodal agency to formulate exploration programmes of various agencies through Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB). GSI has taken up exploration of different mineral commodities and prioritized its exploration activities following the guidelines of United Nations Framework Classification with an aim to augment resources for various mineral commodities including iron ore in different parts of the country. During the last 5 years (Field Season (FS) 2020-21 to FS 2024-25) GSI has taken up 31 mineral exploration projects on iron ore in various parts of the country. As far as reserves are concerned, Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) publishes the National Mineral Inventory of mineral resources in the country

on the basis of information received from GSI, State Governments, exploration agencies and other stakeholders. As per National Mineral Inventory, State-wise reserves/ resources of iron ore (Haematite & Magnetite) is given in Table 1 and Table 2 placed at Annexure-I.

(e): State-wise production of iron ore in the country during the current financial year 2025-26 (up to June 2025) is given at Annexure-II.

(f) & (g): Iron ore is the most important raw material for steel industry. The production of iron ore is sufficient to meet the current demand/ consumption by domestic steel industry. Production, export, import and closing stock of iron ore in the country during the years FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25 is at Annexure-III.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to parts (c) & (d) of LS USQ 2915 answered on 06.08.2025 regarding 'Iron Ore Reserves'.

Table 1: State-wise Reserves/ resources of Iron ore (Haematite) as on 01.04.2020

(in kilo ton)

State	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Andhra Pradesh	44,744	3,50,872	3,95,616
Assam	-	30,890	30,890
Bihar	-	55	55
Chhattisgarh	15,93,732	29,98,379	45,92,111
Goa	1,17,235	10,80,322	11,97,557
Jharkhand	5,34,677	41,75,469	47,10,146
Karnataka	10,43,212	17,92,781	28,35,992
Madhya Pradesh	54,129	3,02,870	3,56,999
Maharashtra	15,241	2,86,304	3,01,544
Meghalaya	-	225	225
Odisha	27,98,749	66,10,582	94,09,331
Rajasthan	7,314	28,166	35,480
Telangana	-	1,05,627	1,05,627
Uttar Pradesh	-	86,330	86,330
All India: Total	62,09,034	1,78,48,870	2,40,57,905

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

Table 2: State-wise Reserves/ resources of Iron ore (Magnetite) as on 01.04.2020

(in kilo ton)

State	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Andhra Pradesh	-	14,72,383	14,72,383
Assam	-	15,380	15,380
Bihar	-	49,439	49,439
Chhattisgarh	75,876	30,045	1,05,921
Goa	4,990	2,61,345	2,66,336
Jharkhand	-	10,667	10,667
Karnataka	318	78,01,853	78,02,171
Kerala	-	83,435	83,435
Maharashtra	578	1,210	1,788
Meghalaya	-	3,380	3,380
Nagaland	-	5,280	5,280
Odisha	-	242	242
Rajasthan	1,21,060	6,73,866	7,94,926
Tamil Nadu	-	5,28,901	5,28,901
Telangana	-	87,366	87,366
All India: Total	2,02,823	1,10,24,791	1,12,27,614

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

Annexure-II

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (e) of LS USQ 2915 answered on 06.08.2025 regarding 'Iron Ore Reserves'.

State-wise Iron Ore Production

(in ton)

State	FY 2025-26(till June 2025)(P)
Andhra Pradesh	1,643
Chhattisgarh	1,22,04,432
Goa	3,91,593
Jharkhand	53,59,766
Karnataka	1,16,11,378
Madhya Pradesh	27,96,630
Maharashtra	40,40,467
Odisha	3,83,90,353
Rajasthan	3,24,247
Telangana	0
All India	7,51,20,509

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

(P): Data is provisional

Annexure-III referred to in reply to parts (f) & (g) of LS USQ 2915 answered on 06.08.2025 regarding 'Iron Ore Reserves'.

Production, export & import and closing stock of iron ore in India during the years FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25

(in million ton)

Year	Production	Import	Export	Closing Stock
2022-23	258.31	1.79	21.17	97.36
2023-24	277.33	4.96	46.38	83.05
2024-25 (P)	289.40	6.41	30.01	85.62

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

(P): Data is provisional