

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1050
FOR ANSWER ON 02/03/2015

IMPORT OF IRON ORE

1050. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the import of iron ore has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated demand and supply of iron ore and steel separately for the public and private sector during the next three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): There is increase in import of iron ore in current year as compared to previous year. Detail of import of iron ore during each of the last three years and the current year is as follows:-

YEAR	IRON ORE IMPORT (MT)
2011-12	0.97
2012-13	3.05
2013-14	0.37
APRIL-NOVEMBER 2014-15*	5.63

Source: Joint Plant Committee; * provisional;
MT = million tonnes

(c) Steel is a deregulated Sector. As per the Report of the Working Group on Steel for the 12th Five Year Plan for 2016-17, the iron ore requirement is 206.2 million tones (MT) for crude steel production capacity of 125.9 MT. At present 21% of crude steel production is being done by public sector and 79% of crude steel production is being done by private sector.
