

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 476
FOR ANSWER ON 06/02/2023

IRON ORE RESERVES IN THE COUNTRY

476 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise and quantum-wise details of iron ore reserves found in the country;
- (b) whether the country exports iron ore;
- (c) if so, the names of countries along with the quantity of iron ore being exported to them;
- (d) whether the country imports goods made from the exported iron ore; and
- (e) if so, the countries from which these goods are being imported?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) The state-wise and quantum-wise details of Iron ore reserves found in the country are at **Annexure – 1**.

(b)to(e): India imports steel due to the fact that certain grades of steel are not manufactured in India or commercial considerations of importers. Further, global trade happens due to several factors, inter-alia, economic considerations, value addition, comparative advantages etc. The details of country-wise export of iron ore are at **Annexure – 2** and the details of country-wise import of finished steel are at **Annexure – 3**.

Annexure – 1

State wise Reserves/ resources of iron ore (Hematite) as on 01.04.2015

(In'000 tonnes)

State	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Andhra Pradesh	29768	311294	341062
Assam	0	12600	12600
Bihar	0	55	55
Chhattisgarh	1387437	3470687	4858124
Goa	358239	831075	1189313
Jharkhand	439372	4847045	5286417
Karnataka	550247	1916607	2466854
Madhya Pradesh	62063	267900	329963
Maharashtra	17241	276862	294103
Meghalaya	0	225	225
Odisha	2572217	4986447	7558664
Rajasthan	4658	33745	38404
Telangana	509	52673	53181
Uttar Pradesh	0	58000	58000
Total	5421751	17065214	22486965

State wise Reserves/ resources of iron ore (Magnetite) as on 01.04.2015

(In'000 tonnes)

State	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Andhra Pradesh	0	1392098	1392098
Assam	0	15380	15380
Bihar	0	2659	2659
Chhattisgarh	11183	42	11225
Goa	4990	261345	266336
Jharkhand	0	10667	10667
Karnataka	446	7801744	7802190
Kerala	0	83435	83435
Maharashtra	583	302	885
Meghalaya	0	3380	3380
Nagaland	0	5280	5280
Odisha	74	79	152
Rajasthan	35423	581493	616916
Tamil Nadu	0	507037	507037
Telangana	0	71514	71514
Total	52699	10736455	10789155

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines

Annexure - 2**Country-wise Export of Iron Ore from India (in '000 tonnes)**

2021-22			
Country	A. Iron Ore (excluding pellets)	B. Pellets	Total (A+B)
CHINA P RP	14,309.72	7,549.65	21,859.37
INDONESIA	99.50	812.28	911.78
KOREA RP	0.00	501.37	501.37
OMAN	0.00	453.95	453.95
MALAYSIA	81.43	283.67	365.10
ITALY	0.00	332.28	332.28
NEPAL	297.69	0.00	297.69
NETHERLAND	0.00	236.44	236.44
BRAZIL	0.00	211.81	211.81
POLAND	0.00	204.38	204.38
FRANCE	0.00	171.83	171.83
VIETNAM SOC EP	0.00	161.02	161.02
CROATIA	0.00	159.84	159.84
GERMANY	0.00	156.00	156.00
QATAR	78.40	0.00	78.40
JAPAN	74.25	0.00	74.25
SINGAPORE	64.28	0.00	64.28
U K	0.00	55.00	55.00
SWEDEN	0.00	52.80	52.80
U ARAB EMTS	49.98	0.00	49.98
BAHARAIN IS	0.00	49.28	49.28
KENYA	48.50	0.00	48.50
CONGO D. REP.	0.08	0.00	0.08
TANZANIA REP	0.05	0.00	0.05
HUNGARY	0.03	0.00	0.03
CANADA	0.01	0.00	0.01
U S A	0.00	0.00	0.00
AUSTRALIA	0.00	0.00	0.00
BANGLADESH PR	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITHUANIA	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	15,103.92	11,391.63	26,495.55

April-November 2022 (prov.)			
Country	A. Iron Ore (excluding pellets)	B. Pellets	Total (A+B)
CHINA P RP	3,969.52	1,043.54	5,013.06
TURKEY	0.00	316.32	316.32
INDONESIA	176.61	112.64	289.25
MALAYSIA	102.96	117.39	220.35
GERMANY	0.00	159.46	159.46
CROATIA	0.00	157.60	157.60
QATAR	143.45	0.00	143.45
ITALY	0.00	131.13	131.13
BRAZIL	0.00	118.62	118.62
NEPAL	114.60	0.00	114.60
NETHERLAND	0.00	111.80	111.80
FINLAND	0.00	107.72	107.72
VIETNAM SOCREP	101.53	0.00	101.53
KOREA RP	0.00	69.30	69.30
U K	0.00	66.05	66.05
POLAND	0.00	58.49	58.49
OMAN	0.00	53.53	53.53
KENYA	47.91	0.00	47.91
U ARAB EMTS	13.90	0.00	13.90
NORWAY	0.07	0.00	0.07
TANZANIA REP	0.05	0.00	0.05
BANGLADESH PR	0.05	0.00	0.05
U S A	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPAIN	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	4,670.65	2,623.58	7,294.22

Source : Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

Annexure - 3

IMPORT OF TOTAL FINISHED STEEL ('000 tonnes)		
Country	2021-22	April-December 2022-23*
ARGENTINA	1	0
AUSTRALIA	1	0
AUSTRIA	9	5
BAHRAIN	5	1
BANGLADESH	0	5
BELGIUM	28	22
BRAZIL	6	2
CANADA	10	8
CHINA	833	1080
CZECH REP	1	1
DENMARK	2	1
FINLAND	5	5
FRANCE	58	66
GERMANY	151	86
INDONESIA	241	138
IRAN	0	0
ITALY	34	22
JAPAN	664	570
KAZAKHSTAN	1	1
KOREA	2009	1698
KUWAIT	3	2
MALAYSIA	8	12
NEPAL	9	40
NETHERLANDS	13	3
NEWZELAND	0	1
OMAN	5	7
POLAND	7	6
PORTUGAL	2	2
ROMANIA	1	1
RUSSIA	55	255
SAUDI ARABIA	14	7
SINGAPORE	8	6
SLOVENIA	6	3
SOUTH AFRICA	8	4
SPAIN	27	13
SWEDEN	39	40
SWITZERLAND	1	1
TAIWAN	194	127
THAILAND	25	35
TURKEY	2	2
U.K.	6	4
UAE	24	8
UKRAINE	22	4
USA	29	12
VIETNAM	75	92
Others	26	4
TOTAL	4669	4404

Source: Joint Plant Committee(JPC); *provisional