

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2846**  
FOR ANSWER ON 17/07/2019

**USE OF COKING COAL IN THE PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE**

2846. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target of steel production in 2013 was 30 million tonnes and Government is planning to increase the target by three times for current year;
- (b) if so, in order to achieve this target and to get this mark, India needs at least 50 million tonnes iron ore also;
- (c) whether to get 50 million tonnes iron ore, coking coal is also needed in huge quantity;
- (d) whether Government is planning to stop or reduce the use of coking coal for above; and
- (e) what are Government plans to enhance the production of iron ore?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) No, Sir. Being a deregulated sector, the Government does not fix any production target for the steel industry. It is market driven and based on demand with the producers choosing the technology. The amount of iron ore and coking coal is based on the technology used.

(b)to(d): does not arise.

(e) Iron ore mining is done by both the public sector as well as private entities, in both captive as well as merchant mines. The production of Iron ore depends on the demand and prevailing domestic as well as international market conditions.

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