

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2895
FOR ANSWER ON 06/09/2012

REMOVAL OF IMPORT DUTY ON STEEL

2895. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry had written to the Ministry of Finance seeking removal of import duty on steel;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Finance has agreed to remove import duty on iron ore lumps, fines and pellets;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the development assumes significance because the Supreme Court impose mining ban in Karnataka and Goa and also the regulation of mining by Odisha Government have severely affected the availability of iron ore; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Ministry of Finance has not removed import duty on iron ore lumps, fines and pellets. The present import duty on iron ore (including fines, lumps and pellets) is 2.5%.

(d)&(e): At present, production of iron ore in the country is in excess of the total estimated domestic consumption by the iron and steel industry. During the year 2011-12, the country's total production of iron ore was 169.66 million tonnes (provisional) as against the total estimated consumption of about 116.3 million tonnes by domestic iron and steel industry. Therefore, overall there is no scarcity of iron ore for domestic iron and steel industry.
