

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1477
FOR ANSWER ON 05/03/2018**

RAW MATERIAL FOR STEEL SECTOR

1477. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the steel manufacturers are getting sufficient supply of raw material to meet their demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cause of short supply of iron ore is due to export by the steel units;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the difficulties being faced by the iron ore manufacturers; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government for ensuring adequate supply of raw materials including iron ore to steel sector?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): The production of iron ore is sufficient to meet the current demand/consumption of iron ore by domestic steel industry. However, due to limited production of coking coal in the country and also due to its low quality, domestic steel industry has to depend upon imported coking coal to fulfill its requirement.

(c)&(d): In view of (a) & (b), does not arise.

(e) Government has enacted the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 and Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 to boost the growth of mineral sector.

In order to ensure availability of iron ore for domestic steel industry, Government has imposed export duty of 30% on all forms of iron ore except low grade (below 58%) iron ore (lump & fines) which have nil export duty.
