

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1939**  
FOR ANSWER ON 30/07/2018

**SHORTAGE OF IRON ORE**

1939. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to develop and diversify the steel companies and encourage the private players in this field and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether domestic steel industry is facing acute shortage of iron ore and processed steel;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to meet the growing need of high quality iron ore and processed steel in the domestic market; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes any exclusive policy or norms for re-use and reprocessing of iron from scraps for use in domestic industry and if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand thereon?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) No, Madam. The steel Industry is deregulated sector. The investment and commercial decisions are taken by the companies in both the private and the public sectors on the basis of commercial merits.

(b)to(d): No, Madam.

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