

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE AND STEEL

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India exports iron ore to several countries including Japan, China and South Korea at cheaper rates and in turn imports steel from such countries comparatively at much higher prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and country-wise and the reasons behind such practice; and
- (c) what steps Government has taken/proposes to take to substantially improve the domestic production of iron ore and steel in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL

(SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): India exports iron ore to several countries including Japan, China and South Korea. There is imports of steel also from these countries, mainly due to the fact that certain grades of steel are not manufactured in India or there are commercial considerations of importers. Further, global trade happens due to several factors, inter-alia, economic considerations, value addition, comparative advantages etc. Details of exports of iron ore and import of steel in the last three years is as under:-

India's Exports of Iron Ore

Value in Lakhs

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (April-January)
Japan	112465.52	-	15389.14	96710.03
China	119020.71	103,204.75	972939.84	542559.15
South Korea	30,468.00	-	2856.80	44572.51

Source: JPC

India's Import of Finished Steel

Value in Lakhs

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (April-January)
Japan	7996.98	8590.23	5871.52	5650.51
China	15210.891	13903.84	8514.60	8975.31
South Korea	8947.55	10171.109	9286.27	10117.19

Source: JPC

(c) The 'Make-in-India' initiative of the Government focus on manufacturing and infrastructure, which promotes the demand and consumption of steel in the country. The Government on 08.05.2017 has notified the National Steel Policy, 2017 and the policy for providing preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel (DMI&SP) in Government procurement. These policies create facilitative environment to improve domestic production of steel. Further, in order to improve the domestic production of iron ore and attract private investments, amendments in the Mines and Mineral Development & Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2015 have been made providing transparent framework for mineral exploitation.
