

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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EXPORT OF IRON ORE BY NMDC
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of iron ore exported by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) during each of the last three years and current year;
- (b) by when the iron ore export contract of NMDC is likely to expire;
- (c) whether NMDC will accord priority to cater to the need of iron ore in Chhattisgarh over export thereof; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) The quantity of iron ore exported by National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) during last three years is as following:

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05#
Quantity of Iron ore Exported			
(Qty. in million tonnes)	8.2	7.1	7.5

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Current year 2005-06 has just begun.

- (b) The long-term export contracts of NMDC are expiring on 31-03-06.

(c)&(d): NMDC as a policy accords priority to domestic industry over export. Accordingly the Chhattisgarh based plants will also get priority. During 2003-04, a quantity of 1.4 lakhs tonnes was offered to sponge iron units located in Chattisgarh but eventually the lifting was only 0.65 lakh tonnes. For the year 2004-05, a quantity of 5.6 lakh tonnes was offered to the industries in the State, out of which total lifting was only about 1.4 lakh tonnes.