

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6558  
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SALE OF IRON ORE BY NMDC TO PRIVATE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently allowed National Mineral Development Corporation to sell iron ore to the Indian steel manufacturers in the private sector at international prices which is expected to be fixed 50 per cent higher for 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) its likely impact on the economics of steel making which is used by most of other industries including housing, etc.?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. Government does not interfere in commercial activities of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC). Hence, the issue of Government allowing NMDC to sell iron ore to Indian Steel/Manufacturers in the Private Sector at International Prices which is expected to be fixed `50% higher for 2005 does not arise.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Apart from iron-ore, coal and other raw-material inputs also impact the economies of steel making. The prices of all these inputs have risen significantly in the last 2 years and this may be partly responsible for increase in prices of Steel.