

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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MINING OF IRON ORE BY RINL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of iron ore reserves in the country at present and the number of such reserves discovered during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has formulated any scheme to take foreign iron ore mines on lease to fulfil the shortage of raw material in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has not been able to exploit high quality Iron Ore reserves in various parts of the country including Surjagarh in Garhchirauli district of Maharashtra;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) The number of iron ore reserves in the country at present state-wise are as under:

(in `000 tonnes)
States Haematite

	Proved	Probable	Possible	Total
Andhra Pradesh	10050.03	15159.76	64092.33	89302.12
Assam	0	0	0	0
Bihar	0	0	55.00	55.00
Chhatisgarh	993159.75	537553.61	747508.00	2278221.36
Goa	461013.90	149372.41	119460.79	729847.10
Jharkhand	2560232.67	334830.30	386019.29	3281082.26
Karnataka	795721.78	208747.25	311194.30	1315663.33
Kerala	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	47098.40	23520.99	81636.92	152256.31
Maharashtra	106942.42	76939.35	89282.49	273164.26
Orissa	1824172.68	762910.37	1590270.65	4177353.70
Rajasthan	2070.94	12682.11	5577.22	20330.27
Tamilnadu	0	0	0	0
All India	6800462.57	2121716.15	3395096.99	12317275.71

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(in `000 tonnes)
States Magnetite

	Proved	Probable	Possible	Total
Andhra Pradesh	43034	1266666	0	1309700
Assam	4240	0	0	4240
Bihar	0	0	0	0

Chhatisgarh	0	0	0	0
Goa	67358	5416	115218	187992
Jharkhand	1343	3846	2358	7547
Karnataka	1653457	503872	1686610	3843939
Kerala	0	26882	12304	39186
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0
Maharashtra	530	108	0	638
Orissa	0	0	0	0
Rajasthan	15	60	464	539
Tamilnadu	0	0	1433	1433
All India	1769977	1806850	1818987	5395214

The following reserves have been discovered during the last three years, the state-wise details are as under:

State	Name of the Iron Ore reserves
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Orissa	Sundargard, Keonjhar, Barsua and Bolani
Chattisgarh	Durg and Bailadila
Karnataka	Chickmagalur
Goa	Bichoum
Maharashtra	Sindhudurg

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise, in view of the above.

(d) to (f): The Government by itself is not engaged in exploiting iron ore reserves in the country. However, public sector undertakings like National Mineral Development Corporation, Steel Authority of India Limited etc. are engaged in iron ore mining.