

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF CHROME ORE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of chrome ore exported during each of the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) the rate at which chrome ore is exported to these countries;
- (c) the commitment/agreement under which the chrome ore is being exported;
- (d) whether the price of chrome ore in the international market is much more than the rate at which it is exported from the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The quantum of chrome ore exported during each of the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, are as follows:

(Quantity in Lakh Metric Tonnes; Value in Rs. Crores)

Year 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 (Prov.)

Country Quantity Value# Quantity Value# Quantity Value#

CHINA	11.35	N.A.	9.16	N.A.	9.73	N.A.
JAPAN	1.23	N.A.	1.01	N.A.	1.43	N.A.
EUROPE	0.31	N.A.	1.74	N.A.	0.54	N.A.

TOTAL 12.89 277.77 11.91 361.21 11.70 888.70

= Value derived on the basis of estimated F.O.B. (Free on Board) prices, therefore individual country-wise value not available (N.A.)

(b) MMTC Limited, the designated State Trading Enterprise fixes the prices quarterly for export of various grades of friable chrome ore on Free on Board (FOB) basis in consultation with Indian chrome ore producers and also taking into consideration the prices prevailing in the competitor country as well as in the international market. However, in case of chrome concentrate, which is freely exportable, the prices may vary from supplier to supplier.

(c) Under the current Foreign Trade Policy, export of friable chrome ore is under the State Trading regime and is exported with quantitative and qualitative restrictions through designated State Trading Enterprise, namely, MMTC Limited. Chrome concentrates is freely exportable.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.