

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF MANGANESE ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large quantity of manganese ore is exported;
- (b) if so, whether it is likely to affect domestic industry; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. AKHILESH DAS) IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL

- (a) The production and export of manganese ore during the last three years is as below: Quantity in lakh tonnes

Year	Production	Export	Export as % of production
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2003-04	17.8	1.8	10.1
2004-05	23.8	1.8	7.56
2005-06#	16.2	0.87	5.37

up to January 2006. Source: IBM

It would be seen that exports of manganese ore has been 10% or less of the productions.

(b)&(c): In order to ensure availability of manganese ore for domestic ferro-alloys industry, the government has put restrictions on export of high grade manganese ore and has canalized exports of all other grades of manganese ore. Further there is an overall ceiling on exports of manganese ore of 7 lakh tonnes. These restrictions and ceilings are reviewed each year in consultation with all stakeholders including industry. Besides imports are freely allowed.