

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1792  
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SPONGE IRON PLANTS  
Singh Shri Sugrib

**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of sponge iron plants as on date in the country, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) the details of installation capacity and actual production of sponge iron during each of the last three years in these plants; and
- (c) the quantity of sponge iron exported by each of these plants during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per the available information, the total number of sponge iron units as on date is 241. State-wise details of these units are annexed.

(b) Details of installed capacity and actual production of sponge iron during each of the last three years in these plants are as under: -

(in `000 tonnes)

Item	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Installed capacity	9985	12971	18951
Actual production	8085	10296	12649

(Source: Joint Plant Committee)

(c) Details of export of sponge iron during the said period are as under: -

(in `000 tonnes)

Year	Export
2003-04	8.905
2004-05	29.800
2005-06	41.454

(Source: Joint Plant Committee)

**Annexure**

STATE NO. OF UNITS

ANDHRA PRADESH	16
CHHATISGARH	51
GOA	4
GUJARAT	1
JHARKHAND	33
KARNATAKA	21
MAHARASHTRA	7
ORISSA	73
TAMILNADU	4
WEST BENGAL	31
TOTAL	241