

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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Underselling of Minerals

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there has been underselling of minerals particularly Iron Ore by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to various countries including China, Japan and South Korea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof pertaining to each of the last three years and the current year, quantity/value/mineral/country-wise;
- (c) whether these PSUs follow the practices as are followed globally;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid underselling of minerals?

**Answer**

(a): None of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under administrative control of the Ministry of Mines indulge in mineral exports especially of iron ore. Further, in Ministry of Mines no such complaints have been received regarding underselling of mineral by PSUs.

(b) to (e): Does not arise in view of the reply given to (a) above.