

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4619
FOR ANSWER ON 17/05/2012

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4619. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for granting the permission of export of the precious and high-quality minerals from the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) mines situated at Baladila to the Japanese/Korean steel mills despite the fact that iron ore is not available even to cater to the needs of the domestic steel industries of the country, and on whose direction the permission was granted;
- (b) whether the NMDC itself and the Ministry of Steel had opposed this export in view of the domestic requirements; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for overlooking their objections, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): The decision to export iron ore, including those from Bailadila mines of NMDC Limited, to the Japanese and Korean steel mills under Long term Agreement has been taken by the Government, after taking into consideration views of various stakeholders including NMDC Limited and Ministry of Steel, as supply of iron ore is a core element in the bilateral ties of India with both these partner countries.
