

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

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FOR ANSWER ON 16/08/2012

NATIONAL STEEL POLICY FOR STEEL PRODUCTION

733. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Steel Policy has estimated an increase of domestic steel production capacity to 180 mntpa by 2019-20;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in order to meet the steel production capacity, mining of iron ore would need to double from its current production levels;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether extraction levels of iron ore reserves have been estimated; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): National Steel Policy 2005 has estimated domestic steel production to be 110 Million Tonnes Per Annum by 2019-20.

(c)&(d): During the Year 2011-12, the country's total production of iron ore was approximately 169.66 million tonnes as against the total estimated consumption of about 116.3 million tonnes by the domestic iron and steel industry. As per the National Steel Policy 2005, 190 million tonnes of iron ore will be required to support production of 110 million tonnes of steel by the Year 2019-20.

(e)&(f): As per Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Ministry of Mines, as on 1.4.2010, the iron ore 'resources' in the country are 28.526 billion tonnes, out of which 8.115 billion tonnes are 'reserves' and 20.411 billion tonnes are 'remaining resources'.
