

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL AND MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF GOLD  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the demand of gold has shown a sharp decline in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the major gold producing states alongwith the production of gold during each of the last three years in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b) There are no firm estimates of demand of gold in the country. However very rough estimates suggest that demand of gold in India is about 600 tonnes per annum.

(c) Primary gold in the county is produced only in Karnataka. However gold is recovered as by-product in the production of copper in the states of Jharkhand and Gujarat. The total production of gold including recovery as by product during the last three years in the country is given in the following table:

(In Kilogram)

Year

1999 - 2000	2586
2000 - 2001	7712
2001 - 2002	10251