

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3733
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PRODUCTION/DEMAND OF COPPER
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the installed capacity of copper in the country and the extent to which the capacity has been utilised and the production achieved during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the demand for copper is being fully met by the indigenous production;
- (c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of copper;
- (d) whether the copper is being exported to the other countries; and
- (e) if so, the names of the countries alongwith the quantity of copper exported and foreign exchange earned during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) The installed capacity of primary copper in the country, capacity utilisation and production achieved during each of the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Installed Capacity (Tonne)	Production (Tonne)	Capacity Utilisation %
1999-2000	2,47,500	2,26,751	91.62
2000-01	2,47,500	2,62,837	106.20
2001-02	3,47,500	3,36,049	96.70

(b) Yes, the demand for copper in the country is being fully met by indigenous production.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) Yes, sir.

(e) As per the data maintained by Ministry of Commerce, under the classification, 'Copper and Articles thereof' copper is being exported to 159 countries in the last three years. The major countries are USA, UK, Germany, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, UAE, etc. The quantity exported and the foreign exchange earned for the last three years are as follows :-

1999-2000 2000-01 2001-02

Quantity (Kg.) 22152518 62844413 92877168
Value (in Rs Lakhs) 36,242.20 74,921.10 99,552.62

Foreign Exchange
earned (Value in
US \$ Million) 83.64 164.00 208.74