

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1048
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PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the production and stock of Aluminium during 2002-03 so far;
- (b) whether the stock of Aluminium is likely to be increased during the current financial year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure the proper utilization of the surplus Aluminium in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : As per the information received from primary producers of aluminium, the total production of aluminium during the year 2002-03 was 6,89,041 MT and stock as on 31.3.2003 was 15,023 MT. Except Madras Aluminium Company Limited (MALCO) which has reported likelihood of marginal increase in the stock, all other primary producers do not anticipate increase in their stocks during current financial year.

(d):Aluminium Sector is decontrolled and the aluminium and its products have been placed under Open General Licence (OGL) category, and, hence freely tradable.