

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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PRODUCTION OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the States producing copper and lead;
- (b) the quantum of these minerals produced annually in those States during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the step taken by the Government to increase its production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) States of Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Sikkim produce copper, whereas States of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Sikkim produce lead.

(b) State-wise annual production of copper ore is as under:-

(Qty. in tonnes)

S.No. States 2002-03 2003-04 (Provisional) 2004-05 (Provisional)

1. Jharkhand 89486 - -

2. Madhya Pradesh 2273531 2321026 2053711

3. Rajasthan 701773 574283 871632

4. Sikkim 6503 7663 5815

Total (All India) 071293 2902972 2931158

State-wise annual production of lead concentrate is as under:-

(Qty. in tonnes)

S.No. States 2002-03 2003-04 (Provisional) (2004-05 (Provisional)

1. Andhra Pradesh 3153 - -

2. Rajasthan 55806 72958 81601

3. Sikkim 148 111 34

Total (All India) 59107 73069 81635

(c) To increase the exploration and production of copper, lead etc., the Government of India has opened up the non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector for private investment including foreign direct investment involving reconnaissance, prospecting and mining operations. Besides, prospecting work has been carried out by the Geological Survey of India and State Directorates of Geology & Mining. Hindustan Copper Limited, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Mines, has also stepped up its development work to sustain/increase production of ore in its leasehold areas. Hindustan Zinc Limited, which produces lead, has also expanded its mining capacity.