

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF COPPER, LEAD AND ZINC INGOTS

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the production capacity of copper, lead and zinc ingots in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is taking steps to promote production of these units; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) The total production capacity of primary Copper, Lead and Zinc ingots in the country is 4,62,500, 1,99,000 and 67,000 TPA respectively.

(b) & (c) Except Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), which is a Central Public Sector Undertaking producing primary copper, all other primary producers of copper, lead and zinc are under private control. In so far as HCL is concerned, the Government has been providing all possible support, which includes grant for replacement and renewal of plant and machinery, for full utilization of its production capacity.