

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF PRECIOUS METALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the imports of precious metals have been increasing continuously in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, metal-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new mining policy to reduce the dependency on imports of such metals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of precious metals extracted in the country during each of the last three years as on date, State-wise, mineral wise; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES(SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): Import of precious metals is guided by the Export-Import policy. As per information on import of Gold, Platinum, Silver and other precious metals for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 (provisional) available with Indian Bureau of Mines the import of precious metals are not increasing.

(c), (d) & (f): A National Mineral Policy addressing these concerns is under consideration of Govt.

(e): As per available information the details of precious metals produced during the last three years are given below:

Name of Metal State	production in Kg		
	2005-06 (provisional)	2006-07 (Provisional)	2007-08 (up to 31.12.2007)

Gold ore Jharkhand	9581	11269	6212
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Karnataka	469772	507634	485191
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Gold Primary Jharkhand	34	27	21
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Karnataka	2846	2336	2174
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Gold (Foreign) Gujarat	6710	10335	7193
Gold(Secondary) Jharkhand	167	127	-
Silver Jharkhand	3383	1708	-

Rajasthan	24261	51295	43640
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Karnataka	317	226	211
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Silver(Foreign) Gujarat 35077 48362 36612