

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4467
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PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of aluminium produced by production units during each of the last three years and the current year, unit-wise;
- (b) whether the aluminium production is sufficient to meet the requirement of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken to increase production of aluminium?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a): As per information obtained from the respective Companies, the total quantity of aluminium produced by the primary aluminium producing Companies during the last three years, till date is as follows:-

Name of the Company	Aluminium production in tonnes			
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	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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(upto June,
2009)

National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)	3,58,734	3,59,213	3,61,262	1,04,776
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Hindalco Industries Limited	4,42,686	4,77,723	5,23,453	1,35,439
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Madras Aluminium Company Limited (MALCO)	37,652	37,635	23,224#	-
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Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO)	3,13,189	3,58,671	3,56,781	72,056
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Vedanta Aluminium Limited (VAL)	-	-	82,031	52,862
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(VAL)

Total 11,52,261 12,33,242 13,46,751 3,65,133

Provisional figures

#MALCO has closed its smelter in Dec, 2008.

(b) to (d): The total consumption of aluminium in 2008-09 in the country was approximately 13.59 lakh tonnes against the production of 13.47 lakh tonnes. Increase in production of aluminium is decided by the respective Companies. However, as regards NALCO, which is the only aluminium Company in the Public Sector, it is expanding its aluminium production capacity from 3.45 lakh tonnes per annum to 4.6 lakh tonnes per annum during the second phase expansion.