

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3024
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CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION OF ZINC
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the production and per capita consumption of zinc in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the demand of zinc is on the increase in the country;
- (c) if so, the efforts made to increase the production of zinc to meet the demand;
- (d) whether the Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) proposes to expand its capacity; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken in this direction ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines, the State-wise production of zinc metal in organized sector for the years 2008-09 to 2010-11 is given below:

State Years (MT)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 (P) #

Rajasthan 498648 524256 678808

Andhra Pradesh 53076 54184 38663

Kerala 35552 30443 30905

Total 587276 608883 743376

P# Provisional

During April-July, 2011 two primary producers of Zinc in the country namely Hindustan Zinc Limited and Binani Industries Limited have produced 262540 (MT)(P) of Zinc.

There is no system to calculate per capita consumption of zinc State-wise. However, per capita consumption of zinc in the country as intimated by Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) in last 3 years and for the first quarter of the current year is given below, assuming Indian population as 121 crores according to 2011 census

(in kg.)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12
(Quarter-1)

0.360 0.434 0.415 0.426

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): HZL has increased its production capacity from 669,000 tonnes in 2008-09 to 879,000 tonnes per annum in 2010-11 and Binani

Zinc Limited also proposes to increase its installed capacity from 38000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes.

(d): HZL has intimated that at present they have no plans to expand its existing zinc metal production capacity of 879,000 tonnes per annum.

(e): In view of (c) above, does not arise.