

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF COPPER WIRE RODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of copper wire rods imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and value-wise;
- (b) whether custom duty of 7.5 per cent is levied on import of such rods from other countries whereas no custom duty is levied on imports from Sri Lanka; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): The details of import of copper rods and wire during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Figures rounded off

Period	Copper Bars, Rods and Profiles	Copper wire
ITC (HS) Code : 7407	ITC (HS) Code : 7408	

	QTY (TON)	Value (Rs. Crore)	QTY (TON)	Value (Rs. Crore)
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2008-09	24,008	802	20,405	647
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2009-10	30,969	954	34,126	989
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2010-11	30,396	1,160	48,018	1,710
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Apr'11 -Oct'11 (Provisional)	20,254	902	42,858	1,776
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Source: DGCI&S

The country-wise detail during each of the last three years and the current year is available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India', Vol. II (Imports) for March 2009, March 2010, March 2011 and July 2011 (Latest available) respectively. Such CDs are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S.

(b)&(c): Import of copper wire rods attracts basic customs duty of 5 percent. Import of copper wire rods from Sri Lanka is exempted

from basic customs duty under the Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement.