

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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BRASS IMPORTS

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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the import of brass is sufficient to meet the domestic demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the total brass imported and consumed during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the import of sensitive items have increased during the last one year; and
- (d) 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)&(b): The detail of total brass imported during each of the last three years is given as under:

Year	Quantity ( in Tons)	Value (Rs. Lacs)
2009-10	1168	2205
2010-11	2174	6272
2011-12 (April-Dec.11)		
(Provisional)	1091	3981

All figures have been rounded off  
ource: DGCI&S

The demand and consumption data on brass is not maintained.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The import value of sensitive items has increased to Rs.83714 crores (Provisional) during the period April-January 2012 as compared to Rs.58697 crores during the corresponding period of last year. Import takes place either because the country is short of it or because domestic prices are higher.