

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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Copper Import

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of copper wire imported from ASEAN countries during each of the last three years and the current year;
(b) the quantum of copper export along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period, country-wise;
(c) whether the copper import is more than export of copper products and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(d) whether major copper companies have cautioned the Government that the sector is facing an imminent shutdown in the face of a surge in cheaper copper imports from Japan and ASEAN countries; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) The quantum of copper wire imported from ASEAN countries during each of the last three years and current year is given below:

Item 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16

April-Aug'15

Copper wire (MT) 6,646 12,160 16,405 16,796

(b) There is no export of copper concentrate in the current year. However, the quantum of export of refined copper and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years and current year is given below:

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April-Aug'15

Quantity (MT) 2,65,399

2,57,808

3,74,847

1,50,413

Amount

(Million US \$) 2,298 2,100 2,486 912

The country-wise details are given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(c) No Madam, with regards to refined copper, import is not more than export.

(d)&(e) Indian Primary Copper Producers Association has informed the Ministry that there is surge in import of refined copper from ASEAN and Japan under the Free Trade Agreements (FTA). The Association has therefore requested that the import duty on finished copper be enhanced. The Ministry has examined the matter, and as of now, there is not enough ground for intervention. However, the Ministry is keeping a close watch on the matter.

Annexure-I

The country-wise details regarding refined copper export in quantity terms is given below:

(Qty. in MT)

2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16

(April-Aug)

BANGLADESH PR 34.00 591.66 211.09

TAIWAN 2,705.00 1,697.50 4,742.00

CHINA P RP 232,253.15 221,117.47 282,547.02 69,942.62

COLOMBIA	660.00	1,535.00	2,367.00	0.00
CONGO D. REP.	50.00			
EGYPT A RP	730.00	3,355.79	998.00	
JAPAN	100.00	801.20	3.60	
KENYA	10.85	79.00	56.06	6.52
KOREA RP	299.43	300.00		
MALAYSIA	27,203.00	6,621.00	31,201.00	35,557.16
MEXICO	120.00	14,543.00	20,756.00	150.00
NEPAL	172.95	471.84	1,298.51	823.74
NETHERLAND	25.56			
NEW ZEALAND	1,173.26	2,294.28		
OMAN	30.71	2.04	2,347.00	
PAKISTAN IR	4.76			
SRI LANKA DSR	1,773.50	650.06	974.03	399.24
SAUDI ARAB	1,999.00	996.00		
SINGAPORE	6,998.00	15,463.99		
THAILAND	0.55	350.00	2,798.00	
U ARAB EMTS	266.91	857.72	16,054.00	9,391.00
U S A	10.16	6.92		
VIETNAM SOC REP	1,809.00	4,043.91	5,447.00	1,407.20
OTHERS	204	676	325	3576
Total	2,65,399	2,57,808	3,74,847	1,50,413

Annexure-II

The country-wise details regarding foreign exchange earned is given below:

(Value in US\$ million)

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
(April-Aug)				
BANGLADESH PR	0.27	0.00	4.09	1.24
TAIWAN nil	23.19	10.48	28.29	
CHINA P RP	2,000.50	1,819.68	1,876.00	415.36
COLOMBIA	5.73	14.63	29.15	4.76
CONGO D. REP.	0.00	1.32	0.00	0.00
EGYPT A RP	8.14	26.96	6.67	0.00
JAPAN	0.76	5.70	0.02	0.00
KENYA nil nil	0.00	0.00		
KOREA RP	0.00	2.14	0.00	1.82
MALAYSIA	243.79	52.08	195.31	211.68
MEXICO	2.38	102.23	139.63	0.88
NEPAL	1.82	3.23	8.87	4.95
NETHERLAND	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEW ZEALAND	0.00	0.00	7.43	13.70
OMAN	0.00	0.00	0.05	14.48
PAKISTAN IR	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
SRI LANKA DSR	14.22	4.7	6.68	2.42
SAUDI ARAB	0.00	0.00	12.58	6.24
SINGAPORE	0.00	0.00	41.14	89.55
THAILAND	0.00	0.00	2.26	16.83
U ARAB EMTS	0.00	5.52	105.70	52.31
U S A	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.09
VIETNAM SOC REP	15.47	35.39	36.24	8.23
OTHERS	4.68	3.6	3.6	39.53
Total	2298	2100	2486	912