

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION ON COPPER AND LEAD  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the States producing copper and lead;
- (b) the quantum of these minerals produced during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of copper and lead?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) States of Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Sikkim produce copper, whereas States of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Sikkim produce lead.

(b) State-wise annual production of copper ore is as under:

(Qty. in Tonnes)

States 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 (P)

Jharkhand	89486	Nil#	Nil#
Madhya Pradesh	2273531	2321026	2053711
Rajasthan	701773	574283	871632
Sikkim	6503	7663	5815
Total:	3071293	2902972	2931158

# Due to uneconomic operation, production activities were stopped during June 2003 at Surda Mine in Ghatsila, Jharkhand.

\$ The production of ore relates to multi metal ore containing Cu, Pb and Zn.

(P) Provisional

State-wise annual production of lead concentrate is as under:

(Qty. in Tonnes)

States 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 (P)

Andhra Pradesh	3153	Nil	Nil
Rajasthan	55806	72958	81601
Sikkim	148	111	34
Total:	59107	73069	81635

(P) Provisional

(c) To increase the exploration and production of copper, lead etc., the Government of India has opened up the non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector for private investment including foreign direct investment involving reconnaissance, prospecting and mining operations. Besides, prospecting work has been carried out by the Geological Survey of India and State Directorates of Geology & Mining. Hindustan Copper Limited, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Mines, has also stepped up its development work to sustain/increase production of ore in its leasehold areas. Hindustan Zinc Limited, which produces lead, has also expanded its mining and smelting capacity.