

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF ALUMINA .
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has received any proposal from the private companies/NALCO to sell alumina from Damanjodi Alumina plant for the use of the Aluminium plants owned by them;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard;
- (c) The policy decision taken by Government for supplying the Alumina to private companies by reducing the export of Alumina thereof; and
- (d) The total Alumina produced, exported and required for own use of the NALCO?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) Ministry of Mines had received a proposal from Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) for purchase of alumina from National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) against spot/long term tenders.
- (c) NALCO has informed that mixing of non-duty paid export goods alongwith goods sold in the domestic market after payment of duty may give rise to complications from Central Excise & Customs point of view and hence, the request of BALCO cannot be accepted.
- (d) The total calcined alumina produced by NALCO during the year 2005-06 was 15,78,000 Metric Tonnes(MT) out of which 8,62,616 MT was exported and 12,994 MT was sold in the domestic market. The balance of around 7,00,000 MT of alumina was consumed by NALCO.