

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:461

ANSWERED ON:16.05.2006

CONSUMPTION OF COPPER

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of refined copper produced and consumed in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of refined copper imported during the said period alongwith the value thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of refined copper in the country; and
- (d) the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 461 REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF COPPER ASKED BY DR. DHIRENDRA AGARWAL AND SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MAHATO FOR ANSWER ON 16TH MAY, 2006.

(a): The quantum of refined copper produced and consumed in the country during the last three years is given below:

(Qty. in metric tonnes)
Year Production Consumption

2002-03	374725	235235
2003-04	401915	253721
2004-05	410198	268800

(b): The quantum of refined copper imported alongwith the value thereof for the last three years is given below:

Year Quantity(metric tonnes) Value(Rs. Crores)

2002-03	29068	330.35
2003-04	32827	404.50
2004-05	59899	987.25

(c) & (d): Government has opened up the entire non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector (including copper) for private investment. After opening up of the sector, the production of refined copper in India has increased substantially and India has become a net exporter of refined copper in the world market.