

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3477
FOR ANSWER ON 15/12/2014

PRODUCTION OF COPPER ORE

3477. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is the major supplier of copper ore in the country and if so, the details thereof including the copper ore supplied during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the copper ore supplied by NMDC is sufficient in both quality and quantity to meet the demands of the indigenous industrial units and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total volume of production and supply of copper from all the indigenous industries during the said period, company-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a) No, Madam. NMDC is not the producer of copper ore.
- (b) Does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.
- (c) The total volume of production and demand of Copper Cathode (refined copper) from all the indigenous industries during last three years and current year company wise is given below:-

Sl. No	Year	Demand (Lakh Tonne)	Production in Lakh Tonnes by indigenous industries		
			Hindalco* Industries	Sterlite* Industries	Hindustan Copper Ltd.
1.	2014-15 (April-Nov'14, Provisional)	3.75	2.57	2.30	0.10
2.	2013-14	5.30	3.29	2.94	0.23
3.	2012-13	6.10	3.15	3.53	0.24
4.	2011-12	5.98	3.30	3.26	0.28

* M/s Hindalco and Sterlite Industries import copper ore concentrate and refine it to Copper Metal (copper cathode)
