

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
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COPPER PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) India's global share in copper production;
- (b) the number of copper mines in operation in the country and number of mines which are still non operative;
- (c) the amount of copper exported and imported;
- (d) the number of copper mines auctioned in the last five years; and
- (e) the amount of copper produced under public sector and private sector, respectively?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): India has 0.31% of copper ore with respect to global copper ore reserve and global share of mine production was only 0.11% in FY-2020/21. Global share of India's refined copper production in FY-2020/21 was 1.47 %.

(b): The State-wise number of working and non-working copper mines is given at **Annexure-I**.

(c): The export and import of copper ore & concentrates and refined copper made during 2018-19 to 2020-21 is at **Annexure-II**.

(d): 2 copper blocks have been auctioned in the last five years under the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957. Both the copper blocks are in Maharashtra State.

(e): The sector-wise production of refined copper in the country during the last three years is as under:

(In thousand tonne)

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Public Sector	16.215	5.340	0
Private Sector	441.03	403.058	363.638
Total	457.245	408.398	363.638

Annexure-I

State-wise number of Working and Non-Working Mines for Copper as on 01.04.2021(P)

Name of State	Number of Mines		
	Working	Non-Working	Total
Rajasthan	02	01	03
Jharkhand	01	02	03
Karnataka	00	02	02
Madhya Pradesh	01	00	01
Total	04	05	09

Annexure-II

Export and Import of Copper during 2018-19 to 2020-21(P)

(in Thousand Tonnes)

Commodity	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21(P)	
	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import
Refined Copper	49.650	95.713	47.181	154.901	125.825	156.724
Copper Ores & Conc.	181.642	823.938	212.659	821.555	82.463	415.136

Source: Department of Commerce
