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MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's copper imports have reported a sharp increase in the last two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is true that India became a net importer beginning 2018-19; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The import of refined copper has increased from 44245 tonnes in 2017-18 to 92290 tonnes in 2018-19., whereas as exports declined from 378555 tonnes in 2017-18 to 47917 tonnes in 2018-19, which resulted in net import of 44373 tonnes in 2018-19 from net exports of 334310 tonnes in 2017-18. During the above period domestic production declined largely due to closure of a smelter since May, 2018, which has annual capacity of 4 lakh tonnes per annum.
