

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1674  
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SHORTAGE OF METALS  
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether any quota for the supply of zinc, copper etc. to the industrial units of all the States has been fixed;
- (b): if so, whether the quota fixed is being provided to these units;
- (c): if not, whether the domestic industries of the country are getting affected due to the current shortage of zinc, copper etc.;
- (d): if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken to meet this shortage;
- (e): whether certain big industrial houses are hoarding these raw materials; and
- (f): if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

- (a): The Central Government has not fixed any quota for supply of copper and zinc to industrial units in States.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No shortage of zinc and copper has been reported to the Central Government.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): No case of hoarding of these raw materials has come to the notice of the Central Government.
- (f): Does not arise.