

Small Scale Industries in Maharashtra are as under:

Metal	Assessed annual requirements (in metric tons)
1. Copper	14,821.895
2. Zinc	8,179.134
3. Lead	4,056.715
4. Tin	285.337

The Survey did not cover Antimony and information about the assessed requirements of this metal is not available.

(b) and (c). The allocation of non-ferrous metals to Maharashtra as well as other States|Union Territories for small scale industries had been subject to a cut, particularly during the last two years, due to the acute foreign exchange position and consequent reduction in the over-all allocation of non-ferrous metals to the small scale sector. Consequent to the promulgation of the Scarce Industrial Materials (Control) Order, 1965, the regular allocations of non-ferrous metals for the small scale sector for the periods April—September, 1965 and October—March, 1966 were also cancelled.

(d) No, Sir.

Distribution of Non-ferrous Metals

2354. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Development Commissioner has received reports of mal-distribution of non-ferrous metals in the various States and particularly in Maharashtra State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of Copper and Zinc Quotas to Industrial Concerns in Maharashtra

2355. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the names of industrial concerns in Maharashtra State who had been allotted Copper and Zinc Quota under the category "Defence-oriented Industries"; and

(b) the basis on which such concerns were categorised as "Defence-oriented Industries"?

The Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning (Shri K. Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). No industrial units borne on the list of the Directorate-General of Technical Development and situated in Maharashtra State have been allotted copper and zinc quotas on regular basis under the Category "Defence-Oriented Industries".

M/s. Sanghvi Metal Corporation

2356. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Material Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Sanghvi Metal Corporation had received the allotment of Copper in 1964 on the ground of their being manufacturer of industrial quality sheets; and

(b) if so, the reasons for allotting them Copper when such benefit of allotment was meant only for small scale sector?

The Minister of Supply, Technical Development and Materials Planning (Shri K. Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.