

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:419

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SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS OF COPPER

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

- (a) whether the new pricing system has badly affected the small scale copper producers;
- (b) whether the small players have suggested for keeping the new mechanism on hold and have also pleaded for a dual system whereby the buyer will opt between the new and old system;
- (c) whether the Government have agreed to these suggestions; and
- (d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (d): The Government of India does not have an administered pricing system for copper. Domestic producers are free to fix their own prices. Small scale copper producers have not made any representation for a dual system of pricing.