

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2963
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CHALK MINERAL
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gujarat Government has requested the Union Government to reconsider chalk as minor mineral instead of major mineral;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare chalk mineral as a minor mineral;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which final decision is likely to be taken; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e): State Government of Gujarat had sent a proposal for declaring Chalk as a minor mineral. After examining the proposal, the Central Government has decided that in the interest of scientific and systematic development of mineral chalk, it should continue to be classified as a major mineral.