

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF COPPER
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of copper has come down recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the demand of copper both in the domestic and foreign markets?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Government of India's thrust on power, infrastructure and automobiles sectors, reduction of import duty on finished copper products and copper concentrate have increased the consumption of copper in domestic market.