

World Trade Conference

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 Shri Hem Raj;
 Shri Vishram Prasad;
 Shri Indrajit Gupta.
 Shri D. C. Sharma;
 Shri P. K. Deo;
 Shrimati Renuka Ray;

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) what is the final outcome of the World Trade Conference held recently at Geneva;

(b) how far the developed countries have agreed to help the under-developed ones to boost up their trade with them and on what terms; and

(c) how far it will help India in her exports to all western countries and those of the European Common Market?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The report of the Indian Delegation to United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has already been laid on the Table of the House on 7th September, 1964.

(b) and (c). The developed countries including the European Economic Community have shown an awareness of the urgent need to assist the developing countries in expanding their exports and proceeding with their economic development programmes and have agreed to take suitable steps to achieve this objective. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Trade and Development Board, the continuing machinery of the Conference, will, however have to evolve concrete programmes of international action to meet the trading needs of the developing countries. It is, therefore, too early to attempt any precise assessment of the extent to which India's exports may stand to benefit from these discussions.

Second Foundry Forge Plant

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 Shri Shree Narayan Das;
 Shri M. R. Krishna;
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena;
 Shri B. N. Kureel;
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 93 on the 14th February, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the question of establishing a Second Foundry Forge Plant has since been finally considered; and

(b) if so, the nature of decision taken?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Detailed Project Report for this plant is under preparation.

Import of Cement

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 Shri S. B. Patil;
 Shri Basappa;
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi;
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam;
 Shri S. C. Samanta;
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa;
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import cement to meet its acute shortage in the country;

(b) if so, how much cement will be imported and from which countries; and

(c) what is the annual indigenous production and requirement of the country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). A