

(c) The medium heavy machine tool plant and the foundry will be set up at Bhavnagar in Gujarat and the grinding machine tool plant at Ajmer in Rajasthan.

Export of Iron Ore to Japan

*1004. { Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Kanakasabai:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 244 on the 27th November, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations for the supply of iron ore to Japan have since been completed; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A delegation of the MMTC is expected to visit Japan in May for the annual over-all discussions about supply of iron ore to Japan; details regarding the supply of Kiriburu ore are also expected to be settled in course of that visit.

Import and Export Trade Control Organisation

*1005. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Yudhvir Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaiya:
Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
Shri Rameshwaranand:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study team which had been set up to examine the working of the Import and Export Trade Control Organisation has submitted its report;

(b) the extent to which Government have found it expedient to liberalise their import policy; and

(c) the measures devised to ensure that the industries do not suffer be-

cause of the lack of capital goods, raw materials and other basic needs?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Part I of the Report of the Study Team has been submitted to Government. A copy of this report was placed on the Table of the House on the 11th March, 1965.

(b) and (c). A copy of resolution containing the decisions of the Government on the recommendations of the Study Team has also been placed on the Table of the House on 5th April, 1965.

Public Sector Steel Projects

*1006. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kapur Singh:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three public sector steel projects are running at a loss in spite of increase in production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount of loss incurred during 1964-65; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct any enquiry into the causes of losses, and if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (d). As the accounts for the year 1964-65 have yet to be finalised, it is difficult to indicate the financial results of the public sector steel plants for this year. During 1963-64 Hindustan Steel Limited incurred a net loss of Rs. 4.79 crores.

The loss is mainly due to production being below the rated capacity and heavy capital related charges including depreciation and interest.

As reasons for loss are known and suitable remedial steps are already being taken to improve the position, an inquiry is not considered necessary.