

Low Temperature Carbonisation Plants

1047. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:

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

(a) the number of low temperature carbonisation plants established in the country; and

(b) the places where these plants have been located?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). So far, only one low temperature carbonisation plant based on lignite has been established at Neyveli.

Co-operative Spinning Mills in Madhya Pradesh

1048. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any applications were received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the grant of licences for establishment of spinning mills in the co-operative sector;

(b) if so, when the applications were received;

(c) whether the same have been considered and a decision conveyed to the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shaif Qureshi): (a) to (d). Applications were received for the grant of industrial licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 for the establishment of 4 new cotton cooperative spinning mills at (1) Jabalpur; (2) Ujjain; (3) Chhindwara; and (4) Ratlam. As the cooperative spinning mills require a large amount of financial assistance from the State Government, the Govern-

ment of Madhya Pradesh were advised that they should first get the clearance of the Planning Commission in respect of the necessary financial provisions in the State Plan-outlay. The State Government's proposal for the inclusion of the new projects of cooperative spinning mills in the programme for the 3rd Plan was not agreed to by the Planning Commission and the Commission have informed the State Government accordingly. In the circumstances it has not been possible to issue industrial licences for the establishment of these mills. As soon as the approval of Planning Commission is received for the number of cooperative mills to be included in the State Plan, the industrial licences for the same will be issued.

Alloy Steel for Defence Needs

1049. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Maheswar Nalk:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Linga Reddy:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

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

(a) whether Government have initiated a priority programme for the production of alloy steel and other steel to meet the defence needs of the country;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the final programme; and

(c) how much of steel production has been allocated to the Private Sector?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special efforts have been made to press the major steel plants in the