

and 75 per cent for steel. There is keen competition between Rourkela and Durgapur and I hope both will win the race.

**Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi:** What is the additional output that shall be brought forth with the help of the German experts?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is not a question of getting any additional output; it is a question of reaching the rated capacity with their assistance. It is being done.

#### Defence Needs of Woollen Goods

\*360. { <sup>+</sup>Shri D. C. Sharma;  
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to gear up the woollen mills in the country to meet the defence needs in view of the national emergency?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 84].

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** What arrangements have been made for the import of wool tops and what will be the quantum of imports?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** We have already ordered our requirements for more than half year for running the whole industry round the clock. I would not like to disclose the figure.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** It is stated in the statement:

"A co-ordinated plan embracing all sectors of the industry is being drawn up with a view to avoid any overlapping in the production."

What is the co-ordinated plan and what are the sectors covered by this plan?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The Main sectors are the composite mills making all the defence requirements, powerlooms in Amritsar and nearby places, hosiery plants in Ludhiana and other places and the spinning plants. There will be co-ordination between all the four sectors to gear them up to the defence requirements.

**Shri Ranga:** We hear that Australia and some other countries were good enough to offer whatever woollen materials that our Government would like to ask them. May I know whether Government have taken steps to see that imports are invited from those countries?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** All friendly countries have been approached and their response is extremely well.

**Shri Maheswar Naik:** May I know whether it is a fact that the woollen industry in the States are not getting the requisite material to go in for full production? If so, may I know whether Government are taking active steps to see that there is import of woollen raw materials from outside?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** That was the situation before the emergency because then wool was not considered to enjoy high priority. Now, as I have mentioned in the statement, the entire industry has been geared up to the defence requirements and it is receiving the top-most priority.

**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:** What is the number of woollen mills in the country?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** About 22.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** In view of the fact that supplies from Tibet and Khandhar are not available, have Government made adequate arrangements to augment adequate supplies of raw wool from other sources?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Our present indents are far far larger than the small quantities that we get from those areas.