

Corrugated Sheets

*506. **Shri Bade:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the short supply of corrugated sheets what steps Government have taken to meet the demand; and

(b) whether Government have permitted the Maharashtra Government and other States to permit the corrugation of black plain sheets by the process of fabrication?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) A monthly programme of despatches of Galvanised Corrugated sheets has been fixed from July, 1962, to ensure equitable distribution of G.C. sheets to all the States in proportion to the load of outstanding orders on the Producers. However, due to large operational Defence demands, this programme of despatches to the States has been suspended temporarily. It is expected that despatches of G.C. sheets to States could be resumed by April-May, 1963.

(b) No, Sir.

श्री बड़े : मेरा कहना है कि स्टेटों में जो प्लैन ब्लैक शीट्स पड़ी हैं उनका कार-गेशन करने की इजाजत नहीं दी जाती है।

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): Black sheets are also in short supply. Therefore it cannot be done.

श्री बड़े : क्या महाराष्ट्र गवर्नमेंट ने यह प्रार्थना की है कि जो प्लैन ब्लैक शीट्स पड़ी हैं उनको कारगोट करने की परवानगी दी जाय क्योंकि उनके पास काफी स्टॉक पड़ा हुआ है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Black sheets also are required for certain purposes and if those sheets are diverted for corrugation purposes, to that extent

it will affect other industries which will require these sheets.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Committee for Jute Goods

*495. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 14 on the 8th November, 1962 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government about the setting up of a committee to scrutinize and register all foreign sale contracts for jute goods; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the scope and the constitution of the committee?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Committee has already been set up. A copy of Government Resolution on the subject is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, see No. LT-771/63].

Textile Mills

*496. **Shri H. C. Soy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state to what extent the textile mills of the country have been switched on to meet our defence requirements?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Practically the entire capacity of the woollen industry is being utilised to meet defence requirements in full. Suitable arrangements have been made for providing the industry with raw materials.

The comparatively smaller requirements in cotton textiles are also being supplied by the textile industry in the country to fully meet the defence requirements.