

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). Government are not aware of any such proposal. However the Heavy Machine Tool Plant at Ranchi is being set up in collaboration with Czechoslovakia. Assistance is also being received from them for the establishment of the Central Machine Tool Institute at Bangalore.

Credit Facilities for Exporters

*175: **Shri Bishanchander Seth:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 340 on the 23rd November, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the scheme for increasing credit facilities for exporters has been examined by the Mathrani Committee; and

(b) if so, whether the report has been submitted to Government?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):

(a) and (b). The matter is still under examination by the Mathrani Committee and its report is expected at an early date.

Czech Trade Team's visit to India

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 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh:
 Shri Marandhi:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
 Shri A. K. Gopalan:
 Shri P. Kunhan:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Czech Trade Team visited India at the end of January, 1963; and

(b) if so, the outcome of their visit?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):

(a) and (b). A Czechoslovak Purchase Mission comprising senior officials of leading purchasing organisations of Czechoslovakia and led by a senior officer of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Trade arrived in India in the last week of January, 1963. The object of this Mission is to explore the possibilities of stepping up exports of manufactured goods from India. They went round the country and had discussions with the manufacturers and exporters as well as export promotion councils and other concerned departments of Government of India. Their visit will open up prospects for larger trade between the two countries.

Idle Installed Capacity of Industry

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 Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:

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

(a) whether Government have made any study of the extent and nature of idle installed capacity in private and public sectors of Indian industry; and

(b) if so, the basic conclusions thereof and measures taken to secure fuller utilization of installed capacity?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):

(a) and (b). The question of unutilized industrial capacity is under constant review of Government. It is not a fact that there is any large unutilized capacity in Indian Industry. The impression that any large industrial capacity is lying idle has gained ground only on an unrealistic appreciation of various factors involved in the utilisation of the capacity.