

**Expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant**

- \*178. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the talks with Germany over the expansion of the Rourkela Steel Plant have been concluded; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. The talks with the West German Government is likely to be resumed by the middle of this month.

**Cloth and Yarn Prices**

- \*179. { Shri Tridib Kumar  
Chaudhuri:  
Shri Kajrolkar:  
Shri Berwa Kotah:

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

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Indian Cotton Mills Federation and other Textile Manufacturers Associations seeking permission to raise the price of cloth and yarn so as to enable them to realise from the consumers the additional amount that has to be paid by the Mills for war risk insurance premia; and

(b) the decisions, if any, taken by Government on these representations?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). No representation has been received from the Indian Cotton Mills Federation. A representation was, however, received in the Ministry of Finance from the Saurashtra Mill-owners' Association for permitting the Mills to pass on the War Risk Insurance premia paid by them to the consumers. This was not acceded to.

**Steel Production**

- \*180. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Morarka:  
Shri Buta Singh:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent Jamshedpur International Symposium on the Iron and Steel making, certain foreign visitors remarked that India should go slow in steel production because she lacked the skilled manpower and the managerial resources; and

(b) if so, the reactions of Government thereto?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Nepa Mills**

\*181. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the production of the Nepa Mills in respect of newsprint during April to December, 1962 and the corresponding production figures of the mills in the preceding two years;

(b) whether the mills have attained capacity production; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Nityanand Kanungo):** (a) The production figures are as follows:

	Tonnes
April, 1962 to Dec. 1962	18,949
April, 1961 to Dec. 1961	19,311
April, 1960 to Dec. 1960	17,019

(b) Yes, Sir; from December, 1962

(c) Does not arise.