

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Trade agreements based on rupee payment arrangements have been negotiated with East European countries which provide for increased quantities of iron ore. The S.T.C. has also entered into long-term arrangements with most of the East European countries for supply of iron ore and in certain cases short-term credit facilities have also been extended.

(b) and (c). Recently new contracts have been concluded by the S.T.C. with Yugoslavia and the German Democratic Republic for 2,50,000 tons and 6,200 tons of iron ore respectively. Bulgaria has also agreed to buy approximately 50,000 tons.

**Heavy Boiler Plant, Tiruchirapalli**

**\*647. Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether a school to train the personnel for the Heavy Boiler Plant at Tiruchirapalli is going to be set up;

(b) whether it will have some teachers from some foreign country; and

(c) if so, from where these teachers are likely to come and under what terms?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) Yes Sir; an Artisans' training school with workshop and hostel facilities is being set up at Tiruchirapalli.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Paper Factory in Jammu and Kashmir**

**\*658. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian experts have submitted a report on the setting up

of two units for manufacture of paper, one in Jammu and the other in Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, whether the report has been considered; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) to (c). The U.S.S.R. experts have submitted a preliminary report indicating the availability of raw materials sufficient for a paper mill of 50,000 tons annual capacity in Jammu and a pulp plant of 30,000 tons annual capacity in the Kashmir Valley.

The experts had, however, indicated that further investigation would be required including detailed study of the availability of timber, mechanizing of logging, transport by river, problems of regeneration of timber, etc., before a final decision on the establishment of the units could be taken. It is proposed to entrust the work of conducting preliminary investigations to the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited.

**Defence Orders on Automobile Industry**

**1289. Shri Himatsingka:** Will the Minister of Economic and Defence Co-ordination be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders were placed on the automobile industry by the Defence Ministry; and

(b) whether goods in respects of those orders are still to be lifted from the factories?

**The Minister of Supply in the Ministry of Economic and Defence Coordination (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes. Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals have placed order on behalf of the Ministry of Defence.

(b) No. There has been no delay in lifting of vehicles from the factories.