

think that full production will not be achieved very soon.

**Export of Manganese Ore**

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 Shri Namblar:  
 Dr. Saradish Roy:  
 Shri P. Kunhan:  
 Shri M. N. Swamy:  
 Shri Laxmi Dass:  
 Shri Imbichhava:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India has decided to stop the present system of barter deals in manganese ore exports;

(b) whether the private exporters will be given a free hand to export the ore themselves and not necessarily through the Corporation; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such a decision?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) As from 1st January, 1965, exports of manganese ore on barter basis will be handled by the M.M.T.C. directly and not through the intermediary of private parties as is being done now.

(b) Yes, Sir, Government proposes to continue the present policy of export of manganese ore freely by shippers and mineowners.

(c) Barter deals require to be transacted under controlled conditions. Manganese ore export under barter will be handled by the M.M.T.C. directly and not through intermediaries acting on behalf of the M.M.T.C.

**Prices of Mill Cloth**

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri Vishram Prasad:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Bader:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:

- Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
 Shri R. S. Pandey:  
 Shri Eswara Reddy:  
 Shri Mohan Swarup:  
 Shri D. J. Naik:  
 Shri Kajrolkar:  
 Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:  
 Shrimati Benuka Ray:  
 Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Textiles Consultative Board has recommended to Government that statutory controls be imposed on the production and prices of popular varieties of mill cloth; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the suggestion?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations are under the active consideration of Government.

**Trade with U.S.A.**

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 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Hem Raj:  
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited Washington in June this year to hold trade talks with the United State Government officials;

(b) if so, the specific matters discussed with them; and

(c) the result of these talks?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c). I visited U.S.A. in June 1964, several issues had to be discussed with (i) U.N. authorities for UNCTAD Conference, with (ii) U.S.A. Government authorities and Exporters organisation for our export trade in textiles, cashew, spices, fish and sea foods, manganese