

Manufacture of Agricultural Implements

*409. { Shri Dharmalingam:
Shri D. B. Raju:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 681 on the 20th December, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations for setting up a factory to manufacture agricultural implements in collaboration with the Japanese firm have been finalised;

(b) if so, when the factory will be set up;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a similar factory in Madras State; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). A scheme to set up a factory in Madras State for manufacture of hand guided power tillers in collaboration with a Japanese firm has also been received and is under consideration.

Kandla Free Trade Zone

*413. Shri D. D. Mantri: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an advisory committee to advise and suggest measures to develop the free trade zone in Kandla; and

(b) if so, whether the committee has made any recommendations?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Advisory Committee on the Kandla Free Trade Zone is a Standing Committee consisting mainly of the representatives of the concerned Departments of the Central and State Governments. It has been set up principally to facilitate coordinated action in the administration of the zone. It is not expected to submit any report to the Government but suggestions made at the meetings of the Committee are duly processed and taken into consideration in formulating the policies for regulating operations in the Zone.

Electrical Signalling Equipment

*414. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 288 on the 25th February, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the terms of collaboration with a foreign firm for the manufacture of electrical signalling equipment at the proposed factory at Secunderabad have since been finalised;

(b) if so, when the construction of the factory will be taken up and when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The construction of the factory is expected to be taken up during 1965-66.

(c) Rs. 130 lakhs.

Prices of Cotton Textiles

*416. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 140 on the 11th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether any action has been taken against the delinquent mills in Bombay and other centres which increased the prices of cotton textiles by 10 per cent;