

(c) the estimated capital outlay required by the industry for fulfilling the Fourth Plan target and how it is proposed to raise the wherewithal?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The Tea Finance Committee appointed by the Government has not yet submitted its Report. It has, however, completed its work and expects to submit its Report to Government shortly.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

कोयले धोने के कारखाने

* 247. { श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा :
श्री गुलशन :
श्री ओंकार सिंह :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने तीन कोयला धोने के नये कारखाने स्थापित किए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी क्षमता क्या है ;

(ग) क्या उनमें काम आरम्भ हो गया है ; और

(घ) क्या तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना की शेष अवधि में सरकारी क्षेत्र में कुछ और कोयला धोने के कारखाने स्थापित करने का सरकार का विचार है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री संजीव रेड्डी) : (क) और (ख). तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना काल में सरकार ने कोयला धोने के

नीचे दिये तीन कारखाने स्थापित किये हैं :—

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(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) जी, हां ।

Loans to TISCO and IISCO

*248. { Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:
Shri H. C. Soy:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 399 on the 25th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether Government have arrived at any decision on the proposals made by the TISCO and IISCO in regard to the realisation of loan due from them; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It has since been decided to refer the matter to the Tariff Commission for advice.

Exchange of Japanese Steel Products for Indian Iron Ore

*249. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti :
Shri P. C. Borooah :
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla :
Shri Bameshwar Tandia :
Shri Ram Sewak :
Shri P. G. Sen :
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah :

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been advanced by the Japanese Steel In-

dustry to exchange Japanese steel products for Indian iron ore;

(b) if so, its outcome; and

(c) how far the scope of the memorandum signed in 1963 to cover the newly opening Kiriburu Iron Mines in Orissa, will be expanded by the proposed barter deal?

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

(b) The matter is being examined.

(c) The Memorandum referred to has no bearing on the supplies of iron ore to the Japanese Steel Mills from Kiriburu Mines.

Iron Ore Production

***250. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any fall in the production of iron ore in the country during the period from January to June 1964 as compared to the corresponding period in 1963;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the respective percentage of fall during the corresponding period in the private sector and public sector iron ore mines?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. There was a fall of 373,516 tonnes in the production of iron ore during January—June, 1964 compared with the production in the corresponding period of 1963.

(b) The fall in production was due to various factors, such as (i) accumulation of stocks due to smaller off-take by the steel plants; (ii) stoppage of production due to break-down of machinery; (iii) curtailment of production by some small mine owners and (iv) increase in "the proportion of fines" to lump ore in some mining areas and the consequent high percentage of wastage at the crushing plants.

(c) The fall of production in the public sector mines was about 7.7 per cent. and in the private sector mines about 2 per cent.

Indo-Ceylon Tea Commission

***251.** { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided at a meeting between him and the Ceylon's Minister for Internal and External Trade and Supply during the latter's recent visit to New Delhi to set up a joint Indo-Ceylon Tea Commission;

(b) if so, the precise constitution and functions of the envisaged Commission; and

(c) the steps since taken in persuasion of that decision?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Maubhai Shah): (a) to (c). It has been tentatively agreed that a Joint Commission of the officers of the Government of India and the Government of Ceylon should be set up for taking such measures as may be appropriate for the development of tea sales of the two countries and for formulating promotion campaigns in the different regions of the world. Formal acceptance of the Government of Ceylon is awaited.

Railway Line from Sitamarhi to Sonbarsa

553. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of opening a railway line from Sitamarhi to Sonbarsa on North Eastern Railway was examined at any stage; and