

Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is at present importing copper worth Rs. 16 crores a year;

(b) whether arrangements are being made to negotiate with Poland to give India aid for copper project at Rakha in Bihar; and

(c) whether Government had contacted Polish experts in this connection and if so, the progress made in persuading them to undertake the project soon?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) During 1964-65 more than Rs. 25 crores worth of copper and alloys were imported.

(b) No, Sir. This project is, however, being considered for assistance from the U.S.S.R.

(c) No, Sir.

H.M.T. Factory at Bangalore

*710. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bagri:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

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

(a) whether there was a lock-out for three days in the Hindustan Machine Tools at Bangalore in the second week of June, 1965;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how the dispute was resolved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason was the stay-in-strike by the majority of workers who struck work on the 10th June 1965.

(c) By mutual negotiations and with the help of the Commissioner of Labour of the Government of Mysore.

Price of Jute

*711. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Productivity Council's study group on jute industry has recommended that jute mills should purchase jute directly from the growers to ensure that the latter get a fair price; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated for the implementation of this recommendation?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industries in Public Sector

*712. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any regular agency for examining and evaluating the industrial requirements of the country with a view to assessing the need for the setting up of fresh industries in the public sector; and

(b) if not, whether such a proposal is under consideration?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b) There is no single agency for this purpose nor is there any proposal under consideration to set up such an agency. The question of examining and evaluating the industrial requirements of the country in different sectors involves a composite process in which such agencies like the Development Councils, the Directorate-General of Technical Development,