

Corporation has idle capacity. Efforts for the export of Mining Machinery are being made.

Import of T. V. Sets from U.A.R.

*1281. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent Indo-U.A.R. trade agreement, U.A.R. has decided to sell to India locally made T.V. Sets;

(b) if so, the total number of such television sets to be supplied by U.A.R.; and

(c) the terms thereof?

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

(b) and (c). A senior representative of the U.A.R. exporting organisation for television sets has been in India recently. Preliminary discussions on technical specifications, price, delivery terms etc. have been held by him with the S.T.C. It is only after satisfactory settlement is reached on all points, that the total number of sets may be about 1000 to 1500 but the actual number and the terms will be known only during negotiations.

Manufacture of Steel Ingots from Scrap

*1282. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted letters of intent for the establishment of three concast units to manufacture steel ingots from scrap;

(b) if so, the location of the concast units, and the estimated combined capacity of production; and

(c) whether the units will be in the private sector?

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two units are proposed to be located in Bombay and the third at Arkonam (Madras State). The combined capacity of these three units is about 230,000 tonnes.

(c) The Madras unit is a State Government scheme and the other two units will be in the private sector.

Production of Khadi

*1285. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of Khadi has considerably gone down;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the Khadi production during the current year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):

(a) No, Sir.

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

Prices of Raw Jute

1289. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Jute Mills Association has urged Government to grant a higher tax credit in view of the heavy losses incurred by the industry in recent months on account of the high prices of raw jute; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government's decision on this is expected to be announced very shortly.