

as to establish contacts with German importers, and participation in fairs and exhibitions.

Export of Iron Ore

*557. Shri T. Subramanyam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the port of Karwar in Mysore State has been used for exporting iron ore from Mysore State;

(b) what is the quantity of iron ore exported from this port in December, 1957 and in January, 1958; and

(c) what steps will be taken to improve the export of ore from Karwar port in larger quantities?

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

(b) The first shipment of 10,993 tons of iron ore was made in February, 1958 through the port of Karwar.

(c) The possibilities of improving exports from this port are presently being examined by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd.

Industrial Estate in Assam

*558. Shri Bhagwati: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Estate has started functioning in the State of Assam; and

(b) if so, the industries taken up or proposed to be taken up?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial Estates in Andhra Pradesh

*559. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in establishing Industrial Estates in the Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the amount paid to the State by the Centre both as grants and loans?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The State Government has started the construction of building work at Sanatnagar Estate. The lands for the Industrial Estates at Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada have been acquired and further work is in progress. The question of acquiring the land for Samalkot Estate is under active consideration of the State Government.

(b) So far the State Government has been sanctioned a loan of Rs. 23 lakhs and a grant of Rs. 47,000 during the two years 1956-57 and 1957-58.

Indian Trade Delegation to West Germany

*560. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 567 on the 27th November, 1957 and state what decisions have been taken on the report of the Indian Trade delegation which visited West Germany during September, 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): A number of recommendations relating to improvement of quality of Indian goods, establishment of healthier business practices and study of the requirements of German consumers are of a long term nature and have to be implemented, for the most part, by the trade. On other recommendations which relate to increased participation in German exhibitions, setting up of suitable trade and publicity centres in West Germany, improvement of arbitration facilities etc., the Government have already initiated action.