

been submitted by the various State Governments. May I know whether in the light of these recommendations, the State Governments will be asked to send separate proposals?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not think there is any lack of proposals. It is a question of finding money and other ways to implement them.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Export of Iron Ore

\*749. **Shri V. C. Shukla:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Italian Government purchase organisation has proposed a long term contract for the import of iron ore on the lines of the recent Indo-Japanese accord; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken in the direction of concluding such a deal?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) A proposal to buy iron ore on long term basis from the West Coast has been received from Italy.

(b) The matter is still under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministries concerned.

##### Import of Jute

\*753. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the programme for the import of jute during 1958-59; and

(b) the estimated amount of foreign exchange involved?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Imports will be allowed to the minimum extent required over and above the indigenous supplies. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the estimates of imports.

##### Nicotinic-Acid Hydrazide and Amino-Salicylic Acid

\*755. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the present position of the indigenous manufacture from primary raw materials if any, of (i) 150-nicotinic-acid-hydrazide and its derivatives (ii) para-amino-salicylic Acid?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** There are at present 7 firms who have been licensed under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 to manufacture 'Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide' from primary raw materials. Their manufacturing capacity is 30.4 tons per annum. The actual production of this drug by 5 of these 7 firms during 1957 was about 16 tons. The other 2 firms have not yet started production.

Two firms have been licensed to manufacture derivatives from Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide for a capacity of 16,560 lbs. per annum. Their actual production during 1957 was 5,441 lbs.

In regard to P.A.S. (Para-amino-salicylic Acid), there is only one firm producing this drug and another has been recently licensed. The actual production during 1957 was about 19 tons.

##### Jute Surplus

\*758. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1618 on the 11th April, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry into the jute surplus in Bihar has since been completed; and

(b) if so, the finding thereof?

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

(b) The main findings were as follows:

(1) The quantity of unsold jute in Bihar in the third week of May was estimated at about 2,00,000 bales.