

(b) when the full production potential of the Company is likely to be attained?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b) The firm is finalising arrangements for the import of plant and machinery required for the Electrolytic Copper project and is expected to go into production by 1963

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** What is India's requirement of electrolytic copper and what is the role of electricity in the manufacture of electrolytic copper?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** About 50-60,000 tons of electrolytic copper are required. This Ghatsila project will not manufacture more than 8,000 tons

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** For meeting the requirements of electrolytic copper, in view of the fact that copper will have to be imported for quite some-time, do Government have any plans to have such units in places where it will be more economical?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Our whole approach to this problem is that India is rather deficient in copper ore resources and so it has to switch over to aluminium. As the House is aware, we are trying to expand the aluminium industry as much as possible. There are two projects in the Second Plan one is Rihand, which is almost sanctioned and another, Mettur, is under consideration. More electrolytic aluminium projects are also under consideration.

#### Export of Manganese Ore

\*594 { **Shri Panigrahi:**  
**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1824 on the 14th April 1959 and state

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the export position of

manganese ore consequent on giving effect to the policy of allowing non-quota holders to export manganese ore on firm orders with effect from the 27th January, 1959; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Shri Panigrahi:** In answer to one of the previous questions, the hon Minister has stated that 17 parties applied for canalisation of 71,500 tons of manganese ore for export. May I know whether this tonnage had been exported by now?

**Shri Satish Chandra:** Sir, in answer to a subsequent question, I am stating that in 23 cases canalising has been done through the State Trading Corporation, and substantial quantities have been shipped by now.

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** Sir I suggest, if you will permit, both of them may be answered together—Questions Nos 594 and 596

**Mr. Speaker:** All right. Both may be answered together.

**Shri Shankaraiya:** Sir, Question No 608 also may be taken up along with these questions.

**Shri Satish Chandra:** That is slightly different.

**Mr. Speaker:** He may read the answer to Question No 596.

#### Sale of Manganese Ore

\*596. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Shippers and Mine owners have been able to negotiate sales of manganese ores in excess of their quotas beyond June 1959

(b) if so, in how many cases; and