

(c) whether the State Trading Corporation have rendered any assistance in implementing such sales so far?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Twenty-three cases

(c) The State Trading Corporation have made available 142,000 tons from their quota

Shri Shankaraiya: Question No 608?

Shri Satish Chandra: Sir, should I read the answer to Question No 608 also?

Mr. Speaker: The hon Deputy Minister said that it is a slightly different question Very well Let me dispose of three questions at one stroke He may read the answer to Question No 608 also

Export of Manganese Ore

*608. **Shri Shankaraiya:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a large quantity of Manganese ore is lying without export on the West Coast for want of shipping and transport facilities and

(b) if so the steps taken to export the ore by the State Trading Corporation?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) The accumulations are due to fall in overseas demand

(b) A statement showing the measures taken by Government and the STC is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix II annexure No 91A]

Shri Panigrahi: Sir, in reply to one of our previous questions the hon Deputy Minister said that 17 parties offered their quotas for canalising and it amounted to 71,500 tons of manganese ore My question was whether

this tonnage or these quotas which were offered have been exported by now The next question which the hon. Deputy Minister has answered refers only to the period after June, 1959, whereas Question No 594 refers to the period from January to June, 1959

Shri Satish Chandra: Sir, I said previously that this additional quota was demanded by certain parties because they had exhausted their own quotas The State Trading Corporation accommodated these parties; whether the exports have actually taken place, it is difficult to say, but most of it would have been shipped by now because railway movement facilities were given to these parties out of the quota allotted to the State Trading Corporation

Shri Panigrahi: May I know what is the total amount of orders which have been placed either with the State Trading Corporation or with non quotaholders of manganese ore after January, 1959 to June, 1959?

Shri Satish Chandra: It is difficult to give the exact figure of the orders placed within this period, but I can say that at present the State Trading Corporation has got orders for about 1.1 million tons to be exported during the next 12 months

Shri Ansar Harvani: Is there any proposal to take over the entire manganese business from the private sector and hand it over to the State Trading Corporation?

Shri Satish Chandra: The entire policy relating to manganese ore has been under our consideration for some time and it is difficult to say anything definite at present unless some final decision is arrived at

Shri Shankaraiya: The hon Minister stated that there are a good deal of orders, nearly to the extent of one million tons, for these 12 months In view of this fact, may I know why still there has been so much of accumulation of ore? Is it a fact that

some of the suppliers have negotiated with other foreign firms and are trying to export ore but the State Trading Corporation is not permitting them to do so?

Shri Satish Chandra: The hon Members' question, Question No 608, presumes rather wrongly that all the stocks that have been lying at the port belong to the State Trading Corporation. That is not so. Only part of the stocks that are lying at the port belongs to the State Trading Corporation, most of it belongs to private parties. When I say that orders for about 11 million tons are pending, they are on STC's account.

Shri Shankaraiya. Sir, the latter part of my question has not been answered. I asked whether some of the mine-owners have entered into agreements with foreign firms who are interested in the purchase of this ore but export facility is not provided to them by the STC.

Shri Satish Chandra. Just now I said that transport capacity for 1,22,000 tons has been provided by the STC out of its quota to the private parties—23 private parties—who have approached the STC for this facility.

Shri Damani. May I know the total quantity, along with its value, of ore exported during the first half of this year, and how it compares with the export during the first half of last year?

Shri Satish Chandra. The figures for the first half of this year are not yet available. Exports during 1958 were about 9 lakh tons. I have got the figures for January-May period. It is about 4,02,856 tons.

Shri Panigrahi. May I know whether Government is considering the question of giving any concession in the railway freight in order to facilitate the export of manganese ore?

Shri Satish Chandra. That matter has been taken up with the Railway

Board, but the Railways have their own difficulties.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether there is any prospect of reaching the yearly target of 1½ million tons fixed in the Second Five Year Plan for export of manganese ore?

Shri Satish Chandra: In fact, in 1957 we exceeded that target. There is capacity even now to export that quantity, but the main problem is the slackness in the demand in foreign countries.

Advertisement Rates

*595. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of newspapers which are getting Government advertisements at rates higher than those recommended by the Press Commission in their Report (Part I, pages 88-89)?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): The Press Commission had recommended a telescopic rate with a ceiling for Government advertisements. This recommendation was examined in detail and it was found that there was a number of practical difficulties in the way of having a telescopic tariff brought into force at once. The recommendation to have special rates for Government advertisements was, however, actively pursued. At present, calculating on the telescopic rate recommended by the Commission, 15 newspapers are getting higher rates.

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