

started building Industrial Estate on co-operative basis; and

(b) if so, whether any technical advice or any other aid is being given to this co-operative enterprise?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir. Neither we nor the State Government has received any such proposal so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Small Scale Industries in Rourkela Steel Project Area

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey has been made regarding the setting up of small scale industries around the Rourkela Steel Project area; and

(b) if so, the results of the survey?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). At the request of the Government of Orissa a survey of Jharsuguda and Rourkela areas was carried out by the Small Industries Service Institute, Calcutta for finding out right types of potential industries to be located in the Industrial Estates there. The report is expected to be finalised shortly.

Employment of Women in Light Industries

*890. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment of women in the light industries like textiles and plantations is on the decrease;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) what steps are being taken to maintain a certain percentage in these industries?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) The reasons include change in occupational structure consequent upon modernisation and restrictions in regard to working hours for women.

(c) It may not be possible to maintain fixed percentages in favour of women in particular industries. There will, however, be fresh avenues of employment for women in various directions as a result of the economic development that is taking place.

Export of Handloom Fabrics

*891. { **Shri Tangamani:**
Shri Anthony Pillai:
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
Shri Subbiah Ambalam:
Shri Balakrishnan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation was received from Handloom "Bleeding Madras" Manufacturers Association, Madras regarding "Bleeding Madras" stock and proposals for disposal of the same;

(b) if so, Government's reply thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that more than 1½ million yards are still in stock;

(d) whether Government have requested the Handloom Export Organisation to make advances on the stock and arrange for disposal; and

(e) the various steps proposed to be taken to protect this type of handloom weavers?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (e). Representations have been received from the Handloom "Bleeding Madras" Manufacturers' Association, Madras regarding accumulation of stocks of the variety of handloom fabrics known as "Bleeding Madras", requesting relief to the co-operative societies and master weavers

in the disposal of such stocks. The quantity which is held in stock with the societies and master weavers is not known. However, it is estimated to be near about 10 lakh yards. Government is considering in consultation with the Handloom Board and the Handloom Export Organisation the various measures that could be adopted to relieve the distress caused as a result of this accumulation.

Newsprint

1701, Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the production of newsprint in 1950-51;

(b) the plant target for the First Five Year Plan, the achievement during the same period together with the financial allocation and the amount actually spent during the First Five Year Plan period;

(c) the target for the Second Five Year Plan period, the achievement made so far, together with the financial allocation under the Second Five Year Plan and the amount actually spent so far; and

(d) the reason for the shortfall, if any, in achieving the physical targets?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Nil. The production was started in 1955 by Nepa Mills.

(b) and (c).

(i) Target capacity for 1st Five year Plan;	30,000 tons per annum. This was achieved by the end of 1st Plan.
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(ii) Target capacity for Second Five Year Plan	60,000 tons per annum.
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Achievement	30,000 tons	„	„
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The figures regarding financial layout are not available.

(d) The position regarding the conventional raw materials like fir,

spruce and pine availability in sufficient quantity at economic price is not yet clear. The efforts made towards using bagasse for newsprint manufacture have also not so far fructified, because the technical and economic feasibilities are not still fully established. In order to speed up indigenous production of newsprint, two schemes have recently been approved for manufacture of newsprint from imported pulp. The sponsors of the schemes are negotiating with foreign machinery suppliers. It is expected that by the end of IIIrd Plan Indigenous production of newsprint could be increased substantially.

Paper and Paper Boards

1702, Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the production of paper and paper boards in 195-51;

(b) the plan target for the First Five Year Plan, the achievement during the same period together with financial allocations and the amount actually spent during the First Five Year Plan period;

(c) the target for the Second Five Year Plan period, the achievement made so far together with the financial allocation under the Second Five Year Plan and the amount actually spent so far; and

(d) the reason for the shortfall, if any, in achieving the physical targets?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 114,040 tons.

(b) and (c). The production targets of 210,000 tons of the First Five Year Plan was achieved by the end of the Plan. The production target of 350,000 tons for the Second Five Year Plan has already been exceeded. The financial allocations and the amounts spent during these Plans are not available as this development has taken place in private sector.