

Fertilizer Factory at Ennore

*1279. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share capital of the Company floated for fertiliser factory at Ennore;

(b) what percentage is foreign capital and what share is Indian capital, private and public;

(c) by what time is the factory expected to go into production; and

(d) what is the capacity of the factory?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) ₹1,300,000.

(b) About one-third is foreign capital and the rest Indian.

(c) In the year 1962-63.

(d) 51,480 tons of Ammonium phosphate per year.

Purchase of Paper by English Newspaper of Bombay

*1280. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Press Registrar has asked the General Manager of a big daily English newspaper of Bombay, if the paper has purchased a big stock of newspaper printing paper from black-market costing more than a lac of rupees; and

(b) if so, the name of the English daily of Bombay and from where it got the newsprint paper?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Instances have come to the notice of the Government where some newspapers are believed to have purchased newsprint in the open market, over and above the quantities sanctioned to them by the Government. Necessary enquiries are being made in the matter. It would not be possible to give the names of the newspapers concerned till the investigation that is being carried out is completed

Phosphorus Plant

*1281. **Shri Kodiyar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1737 on the 13th December, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the preliminary investigations regarding the possibility of establishing a phosphorus plant in the country have since been completed; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The required information is given in the statement as under:—

STATEMENT

A team of three engineers was sent to U.S.A. under the T.C.M. programme by the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited in November, 1959, for making a techno-economic study about the possibilities of setting up a plant for the production of elemental phosphorous in the country. The team which visited some of the phosphorous plants in U.S.A. on their return to India, have submitted a report which is at present under consideration of the National Industrial Development Corporation. Copies of the report are placed in the library of Parliament.

Jute Mills

*1282. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a majority of the Jute Mills in the country are facing prospects of closure;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to handle the situation?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.