

Asbestos Factory in Andhra Pradesh

*361. { Shri Goray:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 20 on the 15th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether a final decision has since been taken by Government for setting up a factory to process asbestos deposits in Cuddapah District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The availability of asbestos and the adoptability of machinised mining methods are still under investigation and do not yet seem adequate for the establishment of a factory.

Employment of Government Personnel in Public Undertakings

*362. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Chuni Lal:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

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

(a) whether Government have considered the report of Prof. J. K. Galbraith recommending that no Government employee while in Government service should be appointed Director on a Government Corporation; and

(b) if so, whether the above suggestion has been accepted by Government?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). As the House is aware, Government are considering comprehensive proposals in regard to the administration of Government Corporations and Companies and the suggestion of Prof.

Galbraith about Government employees will be examined in that connection.

Export of Iron Ore to Japan

*363. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 145 on the 20th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations held between the State Trading Corporation of India and the representatives of the Japanese Steel Industry in regard to export of Iron ore from India to Japan during 1961; and the payment of a higher price by Japan as compared to that paid by her in 1959-60 have been concluded; and

(b) if so, details of the results achieved?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). As a result of negotiations between the State Trading Corporation and the Japanese Steel Mills, the Mills have agreed to purchase 6 million tons of 65/62 grade iron ore during the period 1961-63. The terms and conditions are expected to be finalised shortly. Negotiations in regard to the sale of 65/65 and 62/60 grade iron ore are still in progress.

Cottage Industries in Madhya Pradesh

*364. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that Cottage Industries in Madhya Pradesh have begun producing fabulous sarees which can pass through a ring;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give any aid to develop this industry on a country-wide scale; and