

## PRIME MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND

\*1351. **Shri Bogawat:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state whether any money has been sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on account of the recent famine in Maharashtra?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** A sum of Rs. 47,355-0-0 was sent from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for famine and flood relief in Maharashtra in the year 1953.

## EXPORT OF IRON ORE

\*1352. **Shri Buchhikotajiah:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 257 on 24th November, 1953 and state:

(a) which companies are exporting iron ore to foreign countries through Masulipatam and Kakinada ports;

(b) from which parts of Andhra State the iron ore is available for export;

(c) what is the percentage of iron in this iron ore of Andhra; and

(d) for what purpose this iron ore is mainly useful?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Two lists showing names of exporters of iron ore to foreign countries through Masulipatam and Kakinada ports are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 6.]

(b) Deposits of iron ore are known to occur in the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Vishakhapatnam, Nellore and Guntur in Andhra State.

(c) It varies from 48 to 65 per cent.

(d) Iron ore mines in Andhra are mainly worked for export purposes at present. The ores are suitable for the extraction of metallic iron.

## DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS

\*1353. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendation of the Estimates Committee accepted by Government in 1949 for the merger of the Directorate of Industrial Statistics with the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, has been implemented; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the recommendation of the Estimates Committee (accepted by Government in 1949) that the head of the department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, should be a trained statistician, has not yet been implemented?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The Committee's recommendation has been largely implemented.

(b) The duties of the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics are not merely statistical but also administrative. Government are at present examining, with the assistance both of official statisticians and non-official advisers, the scope and functions of this organisation and when this is completed, they will consider what would be the most appropriate qualifications for the Director General.

## NAZARALI MILLS, UJJAIN

\*1354. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**  
**Shri U. M. Trivedi:**

(a) Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the reasons for the closure of Nazarali Mills, Ujjain, Madhya Bharat?