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D.D.T. FACTORY

*169. Shri Amjad Ali: Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 1038 asked on the 16th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish another D.D.T. factory in the country;

(b) if so, whether any place has been selected and by what time it will start functioning;

(c) the total requirements of the country in respect of D.D.T.; and

(d) the quantity that is imported at present?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) It has been decided to set up a second D.D.T. Factory with a capacity of 1,400 tons per annum in addition to increasing the capacity of the Delhi plant from 700 tons to 1,400 tons.

(b) Location for the new factory is still under consideration. It is not possible to state now as to when it will start functioning.

(c) The estimated recurring requirement is about 3,000 tons per annum.

(d) A statement showing the imports of D.D.T. in connection with the Anti-Malaria Campaign since 1952-53 is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 41.]

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether the Madras Government has made any request to the Central Government for establishing a D.D.T. factory in Madras State?

shri R. G. Dubey: Yes. There are various proposals under consideration, and possibly one is from Madras. ALL-INDIA KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

***170. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 642 asked on the 8th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Government have since accepted the plan of the Research Committee of the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board for the setting up of an All-India Khadi and Village Industries Research Institute; and

(b) if not the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Before coming to a decision, Government have to satisfy themselves about the necessity for a separate Institute for Village Industries in the context of the Research facilities already available in the country, particularly in the National Laboratories. This aspect is now being examined and a decision is expected to be taken in the near future.

Shri Dabhi: May I know the approximate time when a decision will be taken?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: This is the hon. Member's third question. The time factor in this matter would depend upon the elimination of complications that are intrinsic in an idea of this nature, and I am afraid I cannot hold out any hope of a decision. being taken in the very near future.

ROURKELA WATER SUPPLY

*171. Shri Sangaana: Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 1029 asked on the 16th September, 1954 in regard to the Hydro-graphic survey of the potentialities for water supply from the River Brahmni to the projected Steel Plant at Rourkela and state:

(a) whether the detailed investigations have since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the decision arrived at?