

COAL

*2507. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state: —

(a) whether Government envisage an increase in the demand for coal during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, by what percentage; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the annual output of coal to meet that demand?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Yes.

(b) An assessment of the increase in demand is in progress. It is however estimated that the demand may increase by more than a third during the Second Five Year Plan period.

(c) Schemes for increasing the annual output to meet the increased demand are being drawn up by the Coal Commissioner for the consideration of Government in consultation with the Planning Commission.

HANDLOOM PRODUCTS

*2511. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large stock of handloom products has accumulated in the emporia and sales department in the Madras State; and

(b) whether Government propose to start *Hundi* sales to clear the stocks?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. But Government do not consider the accumulations to be either large or serious as seasonal fluctuations in stocks have to be expected.

(b) Though the Government of India have not decided to start *Hundi* sales, other measures to ease the situation are under consideration.

CEMENT FACTORY IN PUNJAB

*2513. **Shri R. P. Garg:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request for assistance has been received by the Government of India from the Punjab Government for setting up a cement factory near Chandigarh; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). An application for a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 has been received from the Punjab Government recently and is under examination at present.

STEEL PLANT

2514. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Report of the comparative examinations of the various sites made by the Soviet team of experts for the location of the Steel Plant?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): The Steel Plant Location Report submitted by the Soviet Experts is being treated as a confidential document and as such it is not now possible to lay it on the Table of the House.

सफाई के मजदूरों के लिये भवना

*२५१५. डा० सत्यवती : क्या निर्माण, आवास और संभरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूसरी पंच-वर्षीय योजना के अधीन सफाई आदि के कामों में लगने हुए श्रमिकों (महिलारों और सफाई के मजदूरों) की जावास समस्या को सुलझाने के लिये एक विशेष योजना स्वीकार कर ली गई है ; और