

BOKARO AND TILAIYA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS

*757. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty** : Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state :

- (a) the per unit cost of generating power at Bokaro and Tilaiya ; and
(b) the fixed bulk supply rate ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : The cost of production of power at Bokaro & Tilaiya on full development will be about 0.42 anna and 0.87 anna per KWh respectively.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 37.]

SHIPPING

*759. **Shri M. Islamuddin** : Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference of the representatives of leading Ship-builders and the Government of India was held to decide on the type of merchant vessels to be built at the Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam in the next few years ; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken at the Conference ?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : (a) Yes, a conference was held on the 31st January, 1956.

(b) There was unanimity amongst the shipowners on the acceptance of the principle of standardisation. The Conference appointed a Committee to go into the question of evolving standard types of ships that should be built by the Shipyard. An agreement has now been reached that the shipyard should build a standard type of Cargo vessel of 8,000 tons d.w. for the Indian coast and a standard vessel of 9,500 tons d.w. for the oversea shipping trades. Details will be finalised by the Committee as early as possible.

TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE PROBLEMS

*761. **Shri Sanganna** : Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technical Sub-Committee on Social Welfare problems has submitted any scheme for improving the conditions of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes during the Second Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, what it is ; and

(c) the programme for its implementation ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : (a) The function of the Technical Sub-Committee on Social Welfare is not to submit schemes but to scrutinise research schemes submitted by universities and research institutions and recommend them to the Research Programmes Committee.

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

CEMENT SULPHUR FACTORY

419. **Shri Karni Singhji** : Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a cement sulphur factory in the Bikaner Division (Rajasthan); and

(b) if so, whether the State and the Central Government have considered the proposal ?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : (a) and (b). A scheme received from a private party through the Rajasthan Government is under examination.

EXPORTS TO ARGENTINA AND BOLIVIA

420. **Shri Ibrahim** : Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the main articles exported at present to Argentina and Bolivia ?