

railheads uncovered by State Trading Corporation's orders; and

(b) the action Government propose to take to market the accumulated stocks of iron ore in Orissa both at railheads and pitheads?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The State Trading Corporation purchases iron ore to the extent it is required for export and to meet the requirements of steel plants in India. Stocks do get collected at pit-heads and railheads. Rough estimates of stocks lying at railheads were put at approximately 280,000 tons as on 31st May, 1962. Of these, stocks not covered by contracts of S.T.C. were negligible. Figures of ores lying at pit-heads are not available.

Industrial Estates in Gurdaspur (Punjab)

3. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Estates that were proposed to be set up in the Gurdaspur District of Punjab;

(b) whether any of them falls within the area proposed to be evacuated in connection with the implementation of the Beas-Dam Project;

(c) if so, how many and which ones; and

(d) how the schemes for opening of the Industrial Estates are now proposed to be modified?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Six.

(b) No, Sir.

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

Prices of Art Silk Yarn

4. Shri Tan Singh: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices fixed for indigenous art silk yarn are considerably higher than the international prices;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to lower the prices?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is because raw materials and chemicals required for production of art silk yarn have to be imported.

(c) Apart from licensing of units for the production of raw materials like rayon grade pulp and chemicals required for the production of art silk yarn, the existing units have been asked to undertake ways and means of increasing their technical efficiency and reducing the cost of production.

Import of Art Silk Yarn

5. Shri Tan Singh: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government that importers of art silk yarn sell the yarn at a very high premium;

(b) whether such sale is contrary to the conditions of the licence; and

(c) if so, in how many cases Government took action against guilty persons?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Some general complaints about the high prices of imported yarn have been received by Government. There is no statutory price control on imported art silk yarn.