

Commerce and Industry has submitted a memorandum suggesting ways and means for saving our foreign exchange resources;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to implement any of the suggestions indicated in the memorandum; and

(c) whether such implementation will mean any departure from the normal policies of Government?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b) The Federation has submitted a memorandum suggesting that, with a view to saving foreign exchange, Government should encourage the setting up of import saving industries and the strengthening of machine building potential. The Federation has been requested to submit concrete proposals.

(c) The broad course of action suggested is in full accord with Government policy.

Industrial Projects in Manipur

72. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any industrial projects besides the cottage industries of handloom, Khadi and village industries will be started in Manipur for upliftment of national income and giving employment during the third Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the names of the industrial projects; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

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

(b) The schemes proposed to be implemented during the 3rd Plan under small scale industries, handicrafts and

sericulture and given in the statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 9].

(c) Does not arise.

Iron Ore

73. Shri Nataraja Pillai: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation insists on the supply of high grade iron ore alone thereby necessitating selective mining; and

(b) whether on account of this selective supply, iron ore of average composition has accumulated at the Mine-heads?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Overseas demand being mainly for high grade iron ore, State Trading Corporation's purchases are, therefore, generally of high grade iron ore. This does not, however, preclude blending of high and low grade ores wherever practicable.

Purchases of low grade iron ore in substantial quantities are also made by the Corporation for supply to the Steel Mills in India.

(b) No precise information is available.

Indo-East Pakistan Border

74. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the up-to-date position with regard to demarcation of Indo-East Pakistan border?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): A statement showing the progress made in the demarcation of