

Limited in the middle of 1963 or a little later for meeting the foreign exchange cost of the pipeline.

Administrative set up on Union Territories

- *142. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Bhakt Darsan;
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri J. B. S. Bose:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Law on the administrative set up of Union Territories has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are its recommendations?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) The report is being considered and the Government hope to make a statement shortly.

Iron and Steel Board

*143. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have dropped the idea of forming an Iron and Steel Board similar to that in Britain; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). No final decision on the subject has been taken yet.

Production of Iron Ore

215. { Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Narendra Singh
Mahadia:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) the total production of iron ore in India at present and how it matches

with the production target set in the Third Five Year Plan and what action Government propose to take to meet the deficiencies;

(b) the present production of private iron ore mines in Eastern Zone; and

(c) the total iron ore production of captive mines worked by Government?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) Excluding Goa, actual production in the first year of the Third Plan (1961-62) was just short of 13 million tons, against the capacity target of 32 million tons to be reached before the end of this Plan period. Production has increased by 4 million tons since 1959-60. The rate of increase has sufficed to meet all ore requirements of the iron and steel industry as well as existing export commitments.

(b) The production of iron ore by private mine-owners in the Eastern Zone during 1961 was 72,26,000 tonnes.

(c) The total iron ore production of captive mines worked by the Government during 1961 was 317,000 tonnes.

सिन्दरी उर्वरक कारखाना

२१६. श्री तन सिंह क्या इस्पात और भारी उद्योग मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सिन्दरी उर्वरक कारखाने के लिये सन् १९५७-५८ से अब तक प्रतिवर्ष किस-किस स्थान से कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में जिप्सम प्राप्त किया गया ;

(ख) जिप्सम की हर स्थान के अनुसार कितनी कीमत चुकाई गई थी और कितना रेल भाड़ा चुकाया गया ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उस जिप्सम से जो माल बनता है उसका उत्पादन खर्च इतना अधिक है कि वह कण्ट्रील रेट से महंगा पड़ता है ; और