

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). In the Third Five Year Plan period, upto 31st March, 1962, Rs. 25.45 crores have accrued to the Equalisation Fund. The accrual in the remaining four years at the present level of retention and sale prices is estimated at about Rs. 58 crores.

Stainless Steel Plant in South

490. { Shrimati Maimoona Sultana:
Shri B. D. Deshmukh:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Rawandale:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri Kisan Veer:
Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have of late issued a licence for the installation of a stainless steel plant in the south;

(b) if so, to which firm;

(c) what is the production target for stainless steel under the Third Plan;

(d) whether any more proposals for setting up more plants for manufacture of stainless steel in other parts of the country, particularly, Madhya Pradesh have been under consideration of Government; and

(e) what is Government's decision thereon?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). Government have approved in principle the scheme of M/s. Vummiadiars (Mfrs.) Pvt. Ltd., Madras for the manufacture of 7,000 tons per annum of stainless steel in a plant to be set up at Madras.

(c) 50,000 tons per annum.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. The scheme of M/s. V. H. Shah, Bombay for setting up a stainless steel plant at Vatva

(near Ahmedabad), Gujarat State with an annual capacity of 10,000 tons has also been approved in principle.

Other proposals could not be accepted as adequate capacity has already been covered, including that available in the Public Sector.

Low-Shaft Furnace Pig-Iron Plant

491. { Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri Jedhe:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1292 on the 5th June, 1962 and state the production capacity of the low-shaft furnace pig-iron plant licensed in Vidarbha and its employment potential?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): M/s. Hind Traders, Bombay, who were granted a licence under the Industries (D & R) Act in December, 1960, for manufacture of pig iron in low-shaft furnaces, have been sanctioned a production capacity of 96,000 tons per annum. The employment potential has been indicated by the firm to be about 800 persons.

Licences for Machine Tool Industries

492. **Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial licences for the development of machine tools, small tools, ferro-alloys and steel alloys given to private sector since 1957 and their State-wise break-up;

(b) the number of unutilised licences in each category State by State;

(c) whether any reviews of the reasons for non-utilisation have been made on the official level;

(d) what are those reasons; and