

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): The foreign exchange allotment to the State of Orissa for the year 1962-63 for import of steel was Rs. 16.2 lakhs.

Common Salt Industries in Orissa

2676. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the production of common salt in Orissa during 1961-62 and 1962-63;

(b) whether any financial assistance was given by the Central Government to Common Salt Industries in Orissa during 1962-63; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

1961-62	48,400 tonnes
1962-63	49,000 tonnes

(b) and (c). A scheme has been started during this period for improving brine supply in the Surla Sumadi area. Other schemes for effecting improvements in the Ganjam and Surla Salt factories are under consideration.

Heavy Industries for Orissa

2677. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government have approached the Central Government to establish new heavy industries in the State under the public sector as well as the private sector during the Third Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library, See No. LT-1286/63].

Import and Production of Newsprint

**2678. { Shri Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of newsprint imported and produced in the country respectively during 1962-63; and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange spent for importing the newsprint during the same period?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The quantity of newsprint produced in the country during 1962-63 was 26,669 tonnes. The quantity and value of newsprint imported during 1962-63 (upto February 1963) were 85,745 tonnes and Rs. 6.5 crores respectively.

Handloom Industries

**2679. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handloom industries in the country received subsidies from the Central Government during 1962-63, and

(b) if so, amount thereof?

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

(b) Rs. 174.41 lakhs.

Cement Factories in Maharashtra

2680. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme for establishing Cement Factories in Maharashtra State has been approved; and