

the 10th September, 1962, the company resolved, by an overwhelming majority, that the majority recommendations of the Committee con-doing the irregularities on the part of the managing agents should be accepted. Government, thereupon, directed the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, to make enquiries under section 234 of the Companies Act and to submit a report. Meanwhile, some shareholders of the company lodged complaints with the local police on identical allegations. Since an investigation is being conducted by the Police, no separate enquiry is at present being made by the Department of Company Law Administration.

Iron and Steel Output

1484. { Shri Maheswar Naik;
Shri S. C. Samanta;
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the saleable steel and iron output in the private sector in December, 1962 and January, 1963 was much low

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it has been regularised now?

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

(a) There has been no significant fall in the production of saleable steel and saleable pig iron by the main producers in the Private Sector during December, 1962 and January, 1963 beyond normal operational fluctuations. In fact the saleable steel production of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., was higher in the two months referred to than in the previous two months and so also the saleable pig iron production of Indian Iron and Steel Co.

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

Manufacture of Films with Russian Collaboration

1485. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has promised to extend technical collaboration in producing colour and black-and-white films; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

Small Scale Industries

1486. { Shri Gopal Datt Mengi;
Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:

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

(a) the number of new units set up in Small Scale Industries; and

(b) the total investment involved therein and the employment potential of each unit in April-September, 1962?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). No comprehensive survey has been undertaken to find out the number of units set up since the beginning of the small scale industries programme in 1954. However, some surveys have been carried out by the Small Scale Industries Organisation on certain specific small scale industries, like mechanical, metal, plastic & rubber toys; electric motors, starters & switches; wireless receiving sets; electric fans; surgical instruments and machine tools. The survey in all these industries covered 1,126 small scale units and showed that the average employment per small scale unit was 17 and the average investment Rs. 3,275 per employment. On the basis of this limited survey it is estimated that the total employment

created in the small scale sector during the Second Five Year Plan was 3,70,000. Taking 17 persons as the average employment in a small unit, it is estimated that 22,000 new units with an aggregate investment of Rs. 121 crores came into existence during 1956-61. No information in this regard is available for the period April-September, 1962.

Productivity Council

1487. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the actual performance and achievements of the Productivity Council during the last three years;

(b) the assistance rendered by it and contribution made in developing efficiency and better production in Small Scale Industry and in backward areas; and

(c) whether he will lay on the Table a statement of candidates sent abroad with their qualifications and affiliations and follow up action?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Since its inception in 1958, the activities of the National Productivity Council (NPC) have been related to the attainment of its main objective which is to increase productivity in all sectors of the national economy. So far, however, it has concentrated its efforts in the field of industrial productivity. It has sought to achieve its objective by (a) equipping industrial personnel at all levels with the techniques and procedures of increasing productivity through training programmes organised within and outside the country, (b) providing them opportunities to see for themselves the productivity techniques adopted in other plants and industries through Foreign and In-Country Productivity Teams: (c) assisting the industry in locating and solving their productivity problems through Study Groups, Productivity Surveys etc. and (d) dis-

seminating knowledge and ideas leading to higher productivity through the media of publications, audio-visual, exhibition etc.

Although it is not possible to measure the impact of the above activities in concrete terms, there are significant indications of their impact on industry. Productivity consciousness is now widespread; management is now more keen to adopt newer skills and techniques; management development and training activities in the country have considerably increased; many industrial enterprises have set up their own units to focus attention on productivity problems; and several specific cases of increased productivity have been reported.

(b) NPC has paid special attention to the needs of Small Industries. Association of small industries in the productivity movement has been assisted by making additional contribution to the funds of local Productivity Councils against subscriptions collected from small industry members. Special efforts were made to have their participation in the programmes and activities of NPC and LPCs. Important programmes specifically organised for them include a Study Team sent abroad in 1959 on Small Scale Industries, several In-Country Teams sponsored by LPCs; and a special issue of NPC's Journal on Small Industries. Specialists of NPC also assist the Small Industries service institutes in their training activities.

NPC keeps in view the requirements of the less developed areas in its activities and programmes. It has helped establishment of Local Productivity Councils in such areas and efforts continue to be made to organise appropriate activities under their auspices.

(c) Yes, Sir. A list of candidates sent abroad for training by the NPC under its various programmes is on the Table of the House. [Placed in