Iron and Steel in Rajasthan

1561. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

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

- (a) the total requirement of iron and steel of Rajasthan during 1962-63; and
- (b) the actual quantity of iron and steel supplied to Rajasthan during the same period?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):
(a) and (b). Demands/requirements for steel are called for and received only in respect of restricted categories viz., sheets. Rajasthan State's demand/requirement for 1962-63 was 100.988 tonnes of sheets (Black Plain, Galvanised Plain and Galvanised Corrugated). During this period 11,780 tonnes of sheets were despatched.

There is no distribution control over other categories of steel and consumers can obtain their requirement either from stockists or producers without any quota certificate or authorisation. A total quantity of 54.167 tonnes of all categories of indigenous finished steel (including restricted and relaxed categories) was despatched/supplied to the State during 1962-63.

As regards pig iron, there was no quota system of allotment for pig iron during 1962-63. Consumers could obtain their requirements either from stockists or producers. A quantity of 7,045 tonnes of pig iron was despatched/supplied to the State during 1962-63.

Ambar Charkha in Rajasthan

1562. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ambar Charkhas distributed in Rajasthan during 1962-63;

- (b) the number of Ambar Charkhas which were in operation during the same period; and
- (c) the total quantity of yarn produced during the aforesaid period?

The Minister of Industry (Shrik Kanungo): (a) 1,534.

- (b) About 60 per cent of the Charkhas distributed are in operation.
 - (c) 7.06 lakh lbs. (320834 Kg.).

Textile Mills in Rajasthan

1563. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of licences issued during 1962-63 for installation of Textile Mills in Rajasthan; and
- (b) the capacity of spindles sanctioned for the mills?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 10 (ten) licences.

(b) 1.20.320 spindles.

Handicrafts Industry in Rajasthan 1564. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any financial assistance was given by the Centre to Rajasthan for the development of handicrafts industry in the State ouring 1962-63; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Under the existing procedure funds are allocated to the State Governments for the development of various industries including handicrafts, on the basis of the Annual Plans submitted by them every year. Financial assistance is sanctioned to the State Governments