

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

### Fertilizers

**1202. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether any stocks of fertilizers have accumulated at present at the Nangal and Rourkela plants; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or being taken to clear up these stocks?

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

(a) and (b). The stocks of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate at the Nangal and Rourkela Fertilizer Factories were as under:—

Factory	Stocks		Orders in hand for despatches
	Tonnes	Tonnes	
Nangal	16,837	43,323	
22-8-63			
Rourkela	63,200	44,000	
23-8-63			

The stocks at Nangal are not excessive and are fully covered by orders for despatches. In Rourkela also the stocks are mostly covered by orders for despatches. There have been movement difficulties due to inadequate supply of railway wagons and to the absence of a separate siding for the fertilizer factory. A direct siding link has now been established and will start functioning shortly. The question of allotment of adequate number of wagons has also been taken up with the Railways.

### Manufacture of Special Steel

**1203. Shri Himatsingka:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in regard to manufacture of special steel at Bhadravati; and

(b) the investment made so far?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) Government have approved the scheme of the Mysore Iron and Steel Limited Bhadravati for the conversion of their works for the production of 77,000 tonnes per annum of alloy and special steels. The terms of technical collaboration agreement with Messrs Bohler Brothers of Austria have been approved and a credit from Austria is being negotiated. The Foreign Exchange cost of the plant and equipment is estimated to be Rs. 6.4 crores and is proposed to be arranged under the West German Credit. Confirmation from the West German authorities for the inclusion of this project under the West German Credit is awaited.

(b) No investment has so far been made specifically on the conversion scheme. The expenditure on mild steel expansion has been about Rs. 450 lakhs upto June, 1963. The facilities already provided for mild steel expansion together with the extra investment referred to above will be utilised for the manufacture of special steels.

### Cotton from U.S.A.

**1204. Shri Himatsingka:** Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cotton to be imported into India under P.L. 480 during 1963-64 and 1964-65; and

(b) the value of the same?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). Approximately 1,90,000 bales valued at Rs. 11.38 crores of cotton are expected to be imported during 1963-64 (September 1963 to August 1964) against the allocation so far made under P.L. 480. The quantity and value of cotton to be imported during 1964-65 will depend on the allocations