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Lead and Zinc Smelters

1590. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state whether there are any proposals to establish lead and zinc smelters in India based on imported concentrates?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): Smelters, the details of which are given below are proposed to be based on imported concentrates:—

- (i) A Zinc Smelter with an initial capacity of 12,000 tonnes per annum is to be set up in the private sector at Alwaye (Kerala).
- (ii) A letter of intent has been issued for the establishment of a 12,000 tonnes per annum lead smelter in the private sector.
- (iii) A Zinc Smelter of 30,000 tonnes per annum capacity is to be set up in the public sector with Polish assistance.

Export of Fish from Andhra Pradesh

1591. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been adopted to export fish and fish products from Andhra Pradesh to foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Various general export promotion measures have been taken in relation to fish and fish products, and those are applicable to the exports from all parts of the coast of India. No separate measures have been taken for the exports of these from Andhra Pradesh.

Public Sector Steel Plants

1592. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Plants in Public Sector suffered a heavy loss in the last few years;

(b) if so, the total amount of loss to date; and

(c) the reasons for this loss?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Exclusive of the provision for depreciation, Hindustan Steel Limited made profits in the years 1961-62 and 1962-63. After providing for depreciation, the total loss incurred by the company upto 31-3-1963 was Rs. 61.6 crores.

(c) The economies of integrated Iron and Steel Works operation are achieved only when the production in all the units is stabilised which usually takes some time. In the initial stages lack of adequate skills required for operation resulted in lower tempo of production resulting in higher cost of production.

Import of Raw Wool

1593. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the import of quality raw wool from Australia and New Zealand;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) when we are expected to be self-sufficient in raw wool?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.