

विचार किया जा रहा है। इसके मुख्य तथ्य इस प्रकार हैं :

- (१) मिल का वर्तमान अत्यधिक कठिन स्थिति में जिस समस्या में डाल दिया है वह प्राविधिक की अपेक्षा मुख्यतः वित्तीय प्रवृत्ति की है ;
- (२) लगभग सभी जमीनें आदि पुरानी किस्म की हैं। यदि व्यवस्था अच्छी हो जाय तो कारखाना क्लियरत और लाभप्रद हो में लगे जाय के योग्य है।

और इस दिशा में कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं।

Import of Cotton and Jute

1626. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the feasibility of reduction in the import of cotton and jute; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The policy in regard to the import of cotton is constantly under review. The position, however, is that unless there is a steady and considerable improvement in the production of cotton within the country, no significant reduction in the imports from abroad is possible. Imports consist of only long and extra long staple cotton the indigenous production of which is still far from being adequate.

As regards the imports of raw jute, they are now confined to small quantities of cuttings and long superior jute required for the manufacture of speciality goods for export.

Durgapur Steel Plant

1627. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri P. K. Ghosh:

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

(a) the name of the firm who erected Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) the name of their top representative in India; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the same person now heads this Steel Project?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Messrs Indian Steel Works Construction Co. Ltd., London.

(b) and (c). Mr. D. J. Bell was the Resident Director and the General Manager and left the service of ISCON on 31st March, 1962. We requested the U.K. Government for the services of a General Superintendent under the Colombo Plan. Accordingly, in August, 1962, Mr. Bell was deputed by U.K. Government and he was appointed as General Superintendent and Senior Deputy General Manager, Durgapur Steel Plant. Subsequently, when the General Manager proceeded on leave from 2nd September, 1963, Mr. D. J. Bell was appointed as General Manager in addition to his duties as General Superintendent of the Plant.

Export of Spices

1628. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the fact that Indian spices have a big market export position is not progressing because of lack of export blending and better packing; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to meet the situation?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Our blending and packing has not affected adversely the export of spices. The spices that require blending are curry powder and curry paste. The export of these items are showing an upward trend.