बम्बई में कपूर बनाने का कारखाना

४३८. **श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि (क) क्या यह सच है कि देशी तारपीन के तेल से कपूर बनाने का प्रथम भारतीय कारखाना बम्बई में चालू कर दिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह कारखाना गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में है या सरकारी क्षेत्र में ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) जी हां, ; किन्तु जिस कम्पनी का यह कारखाना है उसका प्रधान कार्यालय बम्बई में है । यह कारखाना उत्तर प्रदेश के बरेली जिले में है ।

(ख) गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र ।

Newsprint Factory, Mysore

439. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a newsprint factory will be set up in Mysore in private sector;

(b) if so, what will be its annual output;

(c) the kind of assistance to be given by the Central Government for the setting up of the factory;

(d) whether any foreign assistance will be required for its establishment; and

(e) if so, from which country and to what extent?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. There is one proposal, which has been approved in principle by Government.

(b) 30,000 tonnes per annum.

(c) to (e). The project is in the very preliminary stages. Negotiations for the procurement of plant and machinery, imported and indigenous have yet to be finalised. The firm proposes to collaborate with a Canadian firm.

Foundry Industries

440. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundry industries are facing a serious shortage of pig iron;

(b) whether a complaint in this connection was made by the Foundry Association of India; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to ease the situation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Yes. There is an all round shortage of pig iron (foundry grade) in the country. The total availability of pig iron is estimated at about 1.2 million tonnes, against an estimated demand of over 2 million tonnes per annum. It is, therefore, possible to meet only a part of the demand of all the users. Whatever quantity is available is being distributed among all foundries in an equitable manner.

(c) Various long and short term measures for augmenting pig iron availability are under consideration:—

(i) Government are considering the import of over 150,000 tonnes per year of pig iron during the next 2-3 years, under the Indo-Soviet Trade Agreement and Agreements with other countries in the Rupee Payment Area, and negotiations are under way.

(ii) Letters of intent have been issued for a pige iron plant at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra of 200,000 tonnes per

annum capacity, and for a pig iron plant of 300,000 tonnes per annum capacity at Goa.

(iii) A scheme for a pig iron production unit of 300,000 tonnes capacity in Bihar has been approved by the Licensing Committee.

(iv) The upper limit of capacity for pig iron production units to be licensed in the private sector has been increased from 100,000 tonnes to 300,000 tonnes. Further applications for establishing more units in the private sector are being considered favourably.

(v) Substantial expansion of pig iron production of Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, has been licensed.

(vi) The installation of the 5th blast furnace at Durgapur and 6th blast furnace at Bhilai in anticipation of the 4th Plan expansion programme for steel is being expedited.

(vii) The Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., and the Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., have also been requested to consider the feasibility of advancing the commissioning of one blast furnace each in anticipation of their steel expansion programme in the Fourth Plan period.

(viii) A Technical Committee is studying the feasibility reports for setting up of two new blast furnaces of 400,000 tonnes capacity in the Public sector in the Goa-Hospet, and Bailadilla-Vizag region.

Small Tractors

441. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in finalising the programme for production of small tractors; and

(b) what would be the supply and demand position during 1964-65 and 1965-66 and how it will be balanced?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Out of three schemes licensed and further three schemes approved in principle, only one licensed scheme has made progress and is expected to go in production in 1965. The remaining two licensed schemes have failed. In the case of the three schemes approved in principle, the project authorities are still carrying on negotiations with the foreign collaborators and have still to submit to Government their proposals regarding import of capital goods, manufacturing programme and terms of collaboration. In the meantime a large number of fresh applications for licence has been received and these are under examination with a view to licensing additional capacity in the context of estimated requirements during the Fourth Five-Year Plan period.

(b) Power tillers are a recent innovation in the country. As tillers have not been made available in large numbers it is not possible to say what the demand would be during the years 1964-65 and 1965-66. The demand has to be built up gradually through demonstrations all over the country. This can be done only when there is a sizable availability of tillers. Broadly, the agricultural community could absorb anything between 5,000 to 10,000 tillers during these two years, if they are made available.

Export of Jute Products to Africa

442. Shri N. R. Laskar: Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shippers' delegation visited North and West African markets in April last to boost export of our jute products to that continent;

(b) if so, whether the delegation has studied fully the requirements of these countries; and

(c) the steps taken so far to export jute products to these countries?