

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

(b) 121 cars were released for sale.

(c) The maximum price fetched for a car was Rs. 75,000. The minimum price was Rs. 1,781. It is difficult to compare the prices fetched in tenders with the prices of new cars as their import is now totally banned except import by diplomatic and other foreign technical persons etc. under special conditions.

Export of Iron Ore

377. Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the quantity of iron ore exported from India during the period January to July, 1964?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): Exports of Iron Ore from India during 1964 are as follows:

India (Jan-July, 1964) (Excluding Goa)	25.78 lac metric tonnes.
Goa (Jan-June, 1964)	32.60 " " "
	58.38

Khetri Copper Project

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- Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:
 - Shri Yashpal Singh:
 - Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 - Shri P. K. Deo:
 - Shri Narasimha Reddy:
 - Shri Himatsingka:
 - Shri Karni Singhji:
 - Shri P. C. Borooah:
 - Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 - Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 174 on the 5th June, 1964 and state:

(a) the latest position of the Khetri Copper Project;

(b) the total outlay for this project; and

(c) when the project is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) One of the principal items of work which is presently in progress at the Project site is the sinking of the shaft through departmental agency under the technical direction of the Consultants of the project. The excavations for the shaft collars have been completed and the production shaft has been sunk to a depth of about 17 metres and the service shaft to about 8.5 metres. Concrete lining has been done in the production shaft over 16.5 metres below the foundation slab level, and for 8 metres in the service shaft. The headframe for the production shaft has been concreted to a height of 17 metres above the foundation. Some shaft sinking equipment has to be imported. As soon as this has been procured and erected at the site, it is expected that shaft sinking work would proceed faster. Work on construction of a portion of the township is also in progress. 62 units of various types of quarters were completed in December, 1963. Construction of another 252 quarters has progressed upto about 70 per cent and the work is expected to be completed by November, 1964. A bungalow for the General Manager as well as 46 quarters of higher types are also under construction and are expected to be ready by the end of 1964. Other items of work which are in progress are (i) arrangements for water supply, for which one tubewell pump station and one pump house have already been completed for meeting the immediate requirements of constructional water supply, (ii) construction of approach road to plant area including construction of bridges and culverts, (iii) construction of service reservoir for township and (iv) arrangements for power supply.

It has also been decided to instal a flash type smelter instead of a reverberatory type as originally envisaged in the project report so as to facilitate the recovery of by-products and improve the economics of the project. In