

(b) the steps outlined by him to save the situation in the textile industry from further deterioration?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi):**

(a) and (b). As a result of the discussions which Government have had recently with all the cotton interests concerned, the following steps have already been taken or are proposed to be taken:—

(1) A Bill has just been introduced in the Parliament for converting into an Act the Ordinance which was promulgated in December, 1966. This Ordinance provided enabling powers to the Central Government and its officers to reduce compulsorily machine activity in our mills with a view to effecting savings in the use of raw cotton which is in short supply.

(2) Intensification of steps already taken to secure an orderly and fair distribution of the limited supplies of raw cotton, both domestic and foreign, which are available. These steps included regulation of movement of cotton under permits issued by the Textile Commissioner, stipulation of maximum limits for the holding of cotton stocks by mills and requisitioning cotton supplies, wherever necessary and feasible.

(3) The possibility of importing further quantities of foreign cotton is also being investigated.

#### **Location of Aluminium Factory in Maharashtra**

**751. Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a public sector aluminium factory is to be located in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the site for the factory has been determined; and

(c) the estimated cost of the factory?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After considering in consultation with an Expert Team of the West German Consultants, M/s. Vereignite Aluminium Werke (VAW) the various factors in determining the location, such as technical advantages, efficiency and ease of transportation and capital and operational cost, the Consultants were asked to prepare a detailed Project Report with Ratnagiri on the West Coast as location. The Project Report since received is at present under examination.

(c) The cost of the project, as estimated by the West German Consultants, is Rs. 76.09 crores (including Rs. 5.19 crores for township). The cost estimates appear to be on the high side and efforts are being made to revise them suitably.

#### **Passenger Train Halt at Jadupur Village**

**752. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any application from the residents of Jadupur Village near Bhubaneswar (South Eastern Railway) has been received for a passenger train halt there; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet their demand?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was examined but could not be accepted for want of adequate justification.

#### **इटारसी जंकशन पर रेलवे फाटक**

**753. श्री नीति राज सिंह :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बातने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या मध्य रेलवे के इटारसी जंकशन पर शहर के क्षेत्र में दो रेलवे फाटक हैं;