

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) There are three Prototype Production-cum-Training Centres managed by the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.

(b) The sites for the Centres have been selected having regard to all relevant factors such as the existence of a concentration of small scale engineering industry in the area, potentiality for growth of small scale engineering industry, proximity to industrial estates etc. so that the facilities could be put to the best advantage.

(c) and (d). It was not considered necessary to inform all State Governments of the basis of selection of sites.

Managing Agents

8936. Shri Shiva Chandra Jha: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many Managing Agents there are in the country at present and how many companies they manage; and

(b) what are the gross and net assets of the Managing Agency companies and the Managed Agency companies respectively?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) On 1-4-1967, there were 479 Managing Agents in the country and they managed 720 companies.

(b) As on 1-4-1967 the paid-up capital of 244 Managing Agents which are companies was Rs. 38.3 crores and that of the companies managed by them, Rs. 496.6 crores. Details regarding gross and net amounts of assets of these companies are not readily available.

Precision Instrument Factory at Kotah

8937. Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
Shri Girraj Saran Singh:
Shri M. Amersey:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the machinery installed at the Precision Instruments Factory at Kotah is lying idle for want of orders;

(b) the value of production already made; and

(c) the steps being taken to put the factory on sound footing?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). The Instrumentation Factory at Koia is not yet completed and is expected to go into commercial production in 1968. However, advance action has been initiated by the Management to secure orders from Bokaro Steel and other large scale Undertakings.

Tariff Commission Report on Coal Industry

8938. Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
Shri Girraj Saran Singh:
Shri M. Amersey:

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

(a) whether the Tariff Commission has presented its report on Coal Industry;

(b) if so, whether it has been considered by Government; and

(c) the main features of Government's decision thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Report is under consideration of Government.