

**Export of Pellet to Indonesia**

3870. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:  
SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he made a offer to export pellets to Indonesia;

(b) if so, on what basis such offer was agreed upon;

(c) whether another offer to Iran to supply surplus ore concentrate would be adversely affected; and

(d) how and in which unit pellets are to be produced under what terms?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). During the recent visit of the Minister of State for Industry to Indonesia it was, *inter-alia*, agreed that India would supply pellets to that country. This was in continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Indonesia on 7th March, 1979 at Jakarta.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A final view in the matter is yet to be taken.

**Joint venture in Bangladesh**

3871. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up some Joint ventures in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the broad details of the proposed Indo-Bangla ventures;

(c) when these are likely to be get off ground;

(d) whether Bangladesh Government has already approved certain proposals from Indian private industrialists for setting up joint projects in that country; and

(e) if so, the broad details of these projects and names of the parties concerned and their participation by way of capital investment, know-how, supply of plant and machinery etc.?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). In the various high level meetings between India and Bangladesh, it has been mutually agreed that both the sides should *inter-alia* establish trade-creating Joint Ventures which could play an important role in the promotion of trade between the two countries. With a view to increasing the trade turnover between the two countries and to promote economic and industrial cooperation, export-oriented projects such as for the manufacture of sponge iron, urea fertilizer, newsprint paper and pulp have been identified with prospects of exports to India. Other important areas identified for industrial cooperation relate to development of machine tools, agro-based rural industries and other small scale industries. Both sides have agreed to explore the possibilities in the above fields.

However, Government of India has so far accorded approval in favour of M/s. Mohan Holdings Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi to set up a Joint venture in Bangladesh for the manufacture of Hi-Fashion Garments in collaboration with Mr. Abdul Aziz Mohammad Bhai of Dacca, Bangladesh in July, 1979.

(d) and (e). Government does not maintain details regarding approvals accorded by the Bangladesh Government to proposals from Indian private industrialists for setting up Joint projects in that Country.

**Loss of Cotton Yarn due to over-used and Obsolete Machinery**

3872. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any annual loss of cotton yarn due to over-used and obsolete machinery in the country; and