

केन्द्रीय राज्य और प्राइवेट सेक्टरों में साधनों को एकत्र करते हुए सुविधाओं को विकसित करने के बारे में आवश्यक कार्यवाही की जाएगी बशर्ते धनराशि उपलब्ध हो और पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताएं अनकूल हों।

**News-Item under Caption "Copper foil Project with GDR Know-how"**

2825. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards a news-item appearing in the "Economic Times" dated 28th May, 1981 under the caption "Copper foil project with GDR Know-how";

(b) if so, the details of discussion held by them with Indian counterparts;

(c) the expected expenditure to be incurred on the project; the ratio of the same between India and GDR, the annual expected production and the time by which it is expected to start and the extent to which foreign exchange is expected to be saved; and

(d) whether such an offer was also made by other developed nations, if so, the details thereof and reasons for not accepting their offers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):

(a) to (d). Government have issued an Industrial Licence to M/s Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation for setting up a plant for manufacture of copper foils and copper clad laminates in the Joint Sector with a licensed capacity of 6.00 lakhs square metres of copper foils and 4.90 lakhs of copper clad laminates per annum.

Foreign collaboration agreement with M/s. Kombinet Veb Lew, GDR, for providing technical know-how, erection and commissioning and supply of equipment has been executed on 29th September, 1979. The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 10.25 crores. A lump sum payment of Rs. 25 lakhs will be made to the foreign collaborators for providing technical knowhow, etc. The equipment worth of Rs. 614.30 lakhs is proposed to be imported from the GDR. The project is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1982. The annual production at full capacity is estimated at 12 lakh square metres of copper foil out of which 6 lakh square metres will be utilised for manufacture of copper clad laminates and the balance 6 lakh square metres will be for sale to other units. Foreign exchange earnings by export obligations and import substitution is expected to be about Rs. 3655 lakhs.

Out of the four known manufacturers of the above items, only M/s Kombinet Veb Lew, GDR, were prepared to offer the technology which is most advanced and appropriate for manufacture of both copper foil and copper clad laminates and the fee quoted by the firm was also very reasonable.

**Export of Goat and Sheep Skins**

2826. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantities of goat and sheep skins are exported from India to foreign countries;

(b) the States from which these are exported;

(c) and (e). A statement is attached;

(d) the quantity exported from each State during the calendar years 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980; and

(e) the quantity exported to each foreign country during these years?