

श्री मनुभाई काहू : सैटल कोषापरेटिव
एक्ट के नीचे जो बोर्ड है उस पर इसको
चलाने की जिम्मेदारी है ।

Adult Civilian Training Centre

*640. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the progress made so far in the opening of an Adult Civilian Training Centre at Rourkela in Orissa?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): The receipt of the proposal from the State Government is awaited

Shri Supakar: May I know for how long this matter has been pending with the State Government?

Shri Abid Ali: For some months

Shri Supakar: May I know whether this proposal was started as long ago as two years?

Shri Abid Ali: Not two years, but I think it was by the end of 1955 All preliminaries have been completed, estimates have been made and the building will start during this current financial year All preliminaries have been completed but some formalities are to be gone through for which the State Government is being consulted

Shri Supakar: Is it not the duty of the Central Government to go with the construction of this project?

Shri Abid Ali: This will be done by the State Government

State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd.

*641. **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the total business done by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd during 1956-57;

(b) the profit earned by the Corporation;

(c) the total expenditure made by the Corporation, and

(d) the capital investment made upto the 31st March, 1957?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Rs 43 6 crores

(b) and (c) The accounting year of the Corporation will close on the 30th June, 1957 The balance sheet will be drawn up only after that date.

(d) Rs 1 crore

Pandit D. N. Tiwari: 'May I know whether besides internal trade this Corporation is taking up overseas trade also and, if so, in what commodities and how much foreign exchange it has earned?

Shri Kanungo: Their trade is mostly external and the lines they have been working on are iron ore, manganese ore, chrome ore, coffee, textiles, hides and skins, shoes, essential oils, edible oils, handicrafts and various other things

Pandit D. N. Tiwari: I understand that the State Trading Corporation has taken up the trade in cement and iron also May I know what organisation it has set up at provincial and district levels so that the consumers may get cement easily, because I find that there are great difficulties in consumers getting cement

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): As I have told the hon House on a number of occasions, we have not disturbed the existing trade channels for the distribution of cement They are in tact as they were in the past, excepting that the rationalised distribution now is much more efficient and much more profitable

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know whether Government will seriously consider the question of taking in the distribution of iron and steel and the pipe materials in view of the malpractice practised by the Control Stock-holders' Association day in and day out?