

Ltd. from Calcutta Port during July 1957 to June 1958;

(b) whether the State Trading Corporation sold any Manganese ore to the private sector at Calcutta Port during above period; and

(c) if so, the quantity thereof?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) 42,376 tons.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 500 tons for blending purposes to enable a private exporter to meet his contractual obligations to the foreign buyer.

**State Trading Corporation of India
(Private) Limited**

2868. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Purchase Advisory Board attached to the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd., with representatives drawn from different Ministries and supplier; and

(b) how the State Trading Corporation conducts its foreign sales?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) A Committee has been set up consisting of representatives of the State Trading Corporation and the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel for advising the Corporation in its

arrangements for the procurement of ores. The Committee is to meet shortly.

(b) (i) By negotiations with foreign buyers who are mostly Central purchase agencies of their countries or the buyers concerned;

(ii) by enquiries materialising as a result of efforts by the Corporation's Business Associates and other traders;

(iii) by arranging quotations against tenders issued by foreign buyers.

Export of Iron Ore

2869. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of iron ore was shipped from Calcutta port in 1956 and 1957 under canalised contract and how much directly by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd.;

(b) whether some quantity of iron ore was shipped under the endorsed contract of a private shipper; and

(c) if so, what were the financial considerations and commitments for this deal?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

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1957

	1956	1957
(a) State Trading Corporation's		
direct contract	21,258 tons	2,94,644 tons
Canalised contract	..	1,00,055 tons
TOTAL	21,258 tons	3,94,699 tons

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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