

supply and demand may be taking place following the visible success achieved in curbing inflation and some other factors specific to these industries.

(b) Does not arise,

Import Of Technology

1620. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are favouring import of appropriate technology to consolidate the industrial development in the country and to boost exports ;

(b) if so, whether any decision in this regard has been taken ;

(c) if so, the details of the same ; and;

(d) to what extent the import of technology is likely to be obtained ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI)

(a) to (d) In terms of the existing policy Government has been permitting the import of technology in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet effectively changing consumer preferences and/or to become competitive in the export market. The Industrial Policy statement of July 23, 1980, recognised that where a larger production base would increase the competitiveness of Indian industry abroad, Government will consider favourably the induction of advanced technology.

Construction Of Steel Plant in Orissa

1621. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** be pleased on state :

(a) whether Government have decided to undertake the construction through its own agencies of proposed

Steel Plant in Orissa estimated to cost around ₹2 billion; and

(b) if so, full details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) :

(a) and (b) Yes, sir, The site for plant has been selected and pre-construction activities such as acquisition of land, soil testing etc. have been started. Plans for purchase of equipment are being prepared and financing arrangements are under consideration. MECON is preparing the Detailed Project Report. Cost of the project would be known after the DPR is ready and arrangements for purchase of equipment have been worked out.

बन्द किये गये उद्योगों की संख्या

1622. श्री कृष्ण दत्त सुल्तानपुरी : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में पिछले तीन वर्षों से बन्द पड़े उद्योगों की राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है और पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितने और उद्योग बन्द किए गए ; और

(ख) इन उद्योगों में कितना पूंजी निवेश किया गया है और क्या इस संबंध में पूर्ण ब्यौरा सभा पटल पर रखा जाएगा ?

उद्योग तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) : (क) और (ख) देश में बंद पड़े औद्योगिक एककों और उनसे संबंधित ब्यौरों की जानकारी केन्द्रीय रूप से इस मंत्रालय में नहीं रखी जाती। कारखाना अधिनियम, 1948 के अधीन पंजीकृत काफी समय से अथवा कुछ समय से बंद पड़े कारखानों के संबंध में जो जानकारी श्रम मंत्रालय द्वारा केन्द्रीय रूप से एकत्र की जाती है वह मानकीकृत तालिका के रूप में