

concerned parties "Statements of Matters" relating to the remaining three companies and to the individuals belonging to Dalmia-Jain group viz. Sarvashri R. K. Dalmia, Shanti Prasad Jain and J. D. Dalmia. With the delivery of the last batch of "Statements of Matters" the Commission has completed the "Investigation Stage" of the inquiry into the affairs of all the ten companies. The "Statements of Matters" which run into 1018 pages and which have been served in four batches, deal with the *prima-facie* existence of matters and inferences therefrom set out in as many as 184 items of 'charges' and are supported by 776 documents, files and books of accounts brought on record as 'exhibits'. The Commission has fixed the dates for filing the replies to the "Statements of Matters" from 15th June, 1960 to 31st August, 1960 depending upon the date of delivery of the different sets of 'statements' and the amount of work involved in the preparation of the replies thereto.

The next stage i.e., the 'Inquiry' or the 'Trial' stage will begin after the replies to the "Statements of Matters" are received. The report of the Commission will be drawn up after the completion of this stage.

Six sets of each of the "Statements of Matters" have already been placed in the Parliament library.

Export of Iron Ore

260. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri A. M. Tariq:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 89 on the 12th February, 1960 and state:

(a) whether additional facilities for shipment at Paradip Port have become available; and

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken to increase the quantity of iron ore for export.

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) (i) A proposal to link up iron ore mines by rail with the main line is being examined.

(ii) The State Government of Orissa are building barges, boats and tugs for moving larger quantities, to the port by the existing canal route.

(iii) Provision for building up port facilities to handle larger quantities of ore at Paradip is also being made in the Third Five Year Plan.

Tibet Ladakh Border

261. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of important historical documents including old letters addressed by Tibet's Dalai Lamas to the Rajas of Ladakh have been secured by Government.

(b) if so, whether these letters have been examined; and

(c) if so, whether these letters throw any light on the border between Tibet and Ladakh?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The letters in question are those carried by the Lopchak and Chhoba missions. These are formal communications which refer to the mission and the gifts carried by it. These letters do not throw any light on the boundary question.

Survey of Unauthorised Power Looms

262. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1667 on the 25th April 1960, and state the nature of progress made so far in