

Trade with South American Countries

1525. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote trade with the South American countries; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to study the scope of trade prospects with those countries?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) A number of steps have been taken to promote trade with South American countries e.g.:

- (1) A Trade Agreement was concluded with Chile on the 10th March, 1960.
- (2) A delegation of the Engineering Export Promotion Council visited some of the countries in the area in 1960.
- (3) A mission visited Argentina in 1960 for exploring the possibilities of exporting Railway equipment.
- (4) Prospects of expansion of trade with these countries were explored through Indian Missions in these countries and their Missions in India.

(b) The possibilities of expansion of trade with the various countries are constantly explored.

Newsprint Factory in Punjab

1596. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the progress made regarding the question of setting up a newsprint factory in Punjab?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): A licence under the Industries (Development and Regul-

ation) Act, 1951 has been issued to one firm on the 31st January, 1961.

Export of Iron Ore

1527. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations for export of iron ore with other countries have been in progress during the last year; and

(b) if so, the details of the negotiations that have been successful?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) and (b). The information regarding the quantities sold to different countries and quantities for which negotiations are in progress is contained in the statement given below:

STATEMENT

Country	Quantity sold for delivery during 1961	Quantity for delivery in 1961 in respect of which negotiations are in progress
		Lak tons
Rumania	2.00	Nil
Czechoslovakia	9.03	Nil
Yugoslavia	1.3	Nil
West Germany	1.015	Nil
Hungary	Nil	1.00
Italy	Nil	1.00
Poland	Nil	1.00
East Germany	Nil	1.00
Austria	Nil	0.50
Japan	Nil	20.00
Egypt	Nil	3.00
TOTAL	13.395	27.50

D.D.T. Factories in Delhi and Alwaye

1528. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the present production capacity of the two D.D.T. factories in Delhi and Alwaye respectively;