

Aluminium Factory near Koyana Pro-
ject;

(b) whether any site has been selected; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The Indian Company which has been granted a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for the setting up of an aluminium smelter in the Koyna Region is still negotiating in connection with technical and financial collaboration for the scheme.

(b) and (c). According to the terms of the licence issued under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, the undertaking will be located at Pophli, near Chiplun in Ratnagiri District (Maharashtra).

Firms Registered with D.G.S. & D.

1191. { **Shri B. Das Gupta:**
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of firms registered with the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals which makes purchases for Central and State Governments in 1959-60;

(b) the number of applications received for registration and the number approved; and

(c) the number of foreign and Indian firms?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi): (a) 1849 firms were registered during 1959-60.

(b) 2175 applications were received. 1849 firms were registered.

(c) (i) Number of applications received during 1959-60.
1221 foreign firms.
959 Indian firms.

(ii) Number of firms registered

during 1959-60.

1182 foreign firms

667 Indian firms.

Exports to Canada

1192. { **Shri B. Das Gupta:**
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian goods enjoy preferential rates of duty in Canada; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to boost up exports to Canada?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian goods have been enjoying this preference for a very long period.

(b) Prospects of increasing our exports to Canada are constantly being explored. In particular, the following measures have been taken during the last year:—

(i) A delegation of the Engineering Export Promotion Council visited Canada.

(ii) A Trade Mission was opened in Vancouver, British Columbia, in order to take care of our commercial interests in that area.

Persons Registered at Employment Exchange, Agartala

1193. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed registered at Employment Exchange, Agartala, during the last 3 years;

(b) the number of candidates recruited by Tripura Territorial Council and Tripura Administration during this period through Employment Exchange;