

Setting up of 100 Per cent Export-Oriented Charge Chrome Plants at Bamanipal in Keonjhar

3872. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of 100 per cent export-oriented charge chrome plants set up in the country so far ;

(b) whether such charge chrome plant has been set up at Bamanipal in Keonjhar District, Orissa ;

(c) if so its annual capacity and expected time of commercial production ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Two units have so far been set up in the country.

(b) to (d) M/s. O M C Alloys Ltd., Orissa, hold a Letter of Intent for the manufacture of 45,000 tonnes per annum of charge chrome under the scheme of 100 percent Export-oriented Units. According to the report submitted by the unit, it is likely to commence production in February, 1985.

Increasing Production of Long Staple Cotton in Maharashtra

3873. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a good world market response for the long staple cotton grown in Maharashtra and the exports are gradually increasing ;

(b) whether encouraged by this trend, the farmers of Maharashtra have shown

greater keens to increase the production of long staple cotton ;

(c) whether the domestic consumption of this variety is rather low and State Government is not able to help the farmers by exporting more because the export quota of Maharashtra for this variety has not been increased although requested for, and

(d) if so, the reasons why the State Government is not being permitted to export more ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) There is a good overseas demand for long staple cotton grown in the country particularly in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(b) The proportion of long and extra long staple cotton in the production of cotton has been increasing over the last few years.

(c) and (d) The quantities/varieties of cotton which are surplus to our domestic requirements are exported to foreign countries. Government has already released two lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton for export at the beginning of the season. In view of the prevailing demand and supply position and price trends of cotton, further releases of cotton, are not considered advisable.

The Lok Sabha reassembled at two Minutes Past Twelve of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मुझे बड़ा खेद है कि ऐसा हो रहा है ।

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MR. SPEAKER : Whatever they say, nothing will go on record.