

letter heads of the Project reads as under :—

"P. O. Kiriburu, District Singhbhum, Bihar."

Sales of Controlled Sugar in open Market

2488. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that recently some sugar dealers of Cuttack malgodown in Orissa before de-control sold away 700 bags of controlled sugar in the open market ;

(b) whether this was done with the knowledge of the Supply Department ; and

(c) if so, whether Central Government will enquire into this matter independently and immediately.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Government of Orissa have reported that they had authorised the sugar wholesalers under the levy scheme to dispose of 50 per cent of sugar to retailers and bulk consumers in the free market if the said stock was not lifted by them within 20 days.

(c) As the sugar was disposed of with the permission of the State authorities, no inquiry is necessary.

Setting up of Aluminium Factories at Koyna and Korba

2489. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the date of setting up of two aluminium factories at Koyna and Korba ;

(b) the total expenditure incurred uptill now on their account and the total quantity of aluminium articles produced by them so far ; and

(c) whether the capacity of aluminium factory functioning at Mirzapur (U.P.) was limited because of the setting up of these two factories at Koyna and Korba with the result that the prices of the aluminium products shot up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). The two Aluminium Projects viz. Korba (Madhya Pradesh) Aluminium Project and Koyna (Maharashtra) Aluminium Project (now known as Ratnagiri Aluminium Project) are being implemented in the public sector by Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd., a Government Company which was incorporated on 27th November, 1955. The above mentioned two projects of the Company are still in the Detailed Project Report/Construction stage and have not yet started production. The Alumina Plant of the Korba Project is likely to be commissioned in July, 1972 while the Smelter and Fabrication Plants of the Project are expected to be completed and go into production in stages in 1973-74 and reach full capacity by 1975-76. The Smelter Plant of the Koyna Project is likely to go into production in 1973-74 and the project completed by 1974-75. The Government have released funds to the extent of Rs. 15 54 crores upto March, 1971 in respect of these two projects.

(c) The Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Limited were issued a licence on 6.12.66 for expansion of the Renukoot Smelter in Uttar Pradesh from 60,000 tonnes to 120,000 tonnes per annum. They have presently increased the smelter capacity upto 80,000 tonnes per annum. The expansion of the Smelter upto the licensed capacity is likely to be completed in two stages viz. 1,00,000 tonnes by 30.4.1972 and 1,20,000 tonnes by 31st December, 1973. The capacity of aluminium factor functioning at Mirzapur (U.P.) was not limited as a result of setting up of two projects in the public sector.

Setting up of Aluminium Factory in U. P.

2490. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of STEEL and MINES be pleased