

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 licenced 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

to state :

(a) whether Government contemplate to set up another factory of aluminium in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Shortage of Raw Materials for Industries in West Bengal

2491. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Industries in West Bengal are collapsing for want of raw materials, particularly Iron and Steel ;

(b) whether Government of West Bengal requisitioned 1.23 lakh tons of Steel and Iron from the Central Government for immediate supply apprehending that industries will be closed down;

(c) whether this request has been accepted; and

(d) whether any supply has been made by this time and, if so, the quantity supplied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) As the availability of steel is below the projected demand, it has not been possible to supply the entire quantity asked for by consumers in various States, including West Bengal. Government have no information about industries collapsing for want of Iron and Steel.

(b) to (d). The quantity for which West Bengal Government sponsored priority requisitions for the period April-June, 1971 and July-September, the quantity given priority by the Steel Priority Committee and the

quantity actually despatched against the same are being ascertained and will be laid on the table of the House.

Allotment of Land and construction of Houses for Burma Repatriates

2492. SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the repatriates from Burma have deposited the final instalment of price of land with the Delhi Development Authority and yet the Delhi Development Authority has not made registry of land and given over possession to the repatriates ;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in handing over the possession of the land ; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to finance the construction of the houses on the land being allotted to the repatriates ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Scheme for Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers in Tripura

2493. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tripura have adopted any scheme under Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Central Sector Scheme ;

(b) if so, who are the recipients of the aid ;

(c) whether backward and tribal areas have been taken into consideration ; and

(d) if so, the areas selected so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI