(b) The value of grapes produced in the vicinity of Hyderabad is estimated at about Rs. 5 crores.

The main difficulty in marketing of grapes produced in Hyderabad is declining prices, which is due to rapid increase in areas under grapes in Hyderabad as well as in areas surrounding the main markets to which Hyderabad grapes are despatched for sale.

- (c) Yes The State Trading Corporation is sending trial consignments of grapes to different countries to explore the export market. There is also a cash incentive for export of fresh fruits and vegetables which includes grapes as an item.
  - (d) No, Sir.

### Setting up of Steel Plants in Southern States

- 604. SHRI M RAJANGAM Will the Minister of STFEI AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) he pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken any further steps in developing the steel plants to be located in the Southern States; and
- (b) if so, the details of the same and when they are likely to be put into commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES(ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN). (a) and (b). Consequent to Government decision to set up three new steel plants in the Southern States (viz. Mysorc, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh), a number of Committees for selection of sites and linking sources of raw meterials to the steel plants were appointed. On the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee, sites for the three new steel plants have been selected. The Salem Plant will be located in the Northern flank of Kanjamalai hill. 14 km west of Salem town: the Hospet plant at Tonagalu, midway between Bellary-Hospet railway line; and the Visakhapatnam plant at Balacheruvu about 25 km south of Visakhapatnam along the coast. On the joint recommendations of the Consultants and the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd. (a Public Sector Undertaking), the project areas have been carmarcated. Land acquisition proceedings have The Committees on coal and commenced. on raw materials other than iron ore and coal have also submitted their reports. Committee on Iron Ore will be submitting its report shortly but the linkage of Visakhapatnam plant to Bailadilia ore and that of Hospet plant to Bellary-Hospet ore deposits has been decided. The Consultants for the preparation of the Techno-economic Feasibility Reports for all the three plants were appointed in February 1971 The Central Engineering and Design Bureau of Hindustan Steel limited are the Consultants for the Hospet project, and Messrs M. N. Dastur & Co., Private Ltd for the Salem and Visakhapatnam plants. It is expected that the l'easibility report for Salem plant will be ready by the end of August, 1971, while those for the Visakhapatnam and Hospet plants are expected to be ready in November 1971. The Survey of India are undertaking detailed topographical survey work for all the plant sites. The printed survey maps are expected to he ready by the end of June 1971. Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd., have been entrusted with the soil investigation studies. In the case of Salem project, HSCL will also undertake the exploratory work in respect of Kanjamalai iron ore deposits. The proposals of the State Governments for supply of water to all the three plants are being examined. The Railways have commenced their survey work for the provision of marshalling and exchange vards and railway sidings facilities etc. for the plants.

At this stage when the Feasibility Reports are still under preparation, it is too early to indicate when the plants will be commissioned.

#### Central Assistance for Dry Farming in Orissa.

- 605. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state:
- (a) the places selected in Orissa for dry farming; and
- (b) whether Government has extended any financial assistance to Orissa in 1970-71 and 1971-72 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Bahalda P. S. area in Bamanghaty Sub-Division of district Mayurbhanj has been selected by the State Government for the establishment of a Dry Farming Point Project.

(b) Yes, Sir. During 1971-72 a sum of Rs. 11.95 lakhs (including short-term loan of Rs. 1.55 lakhs to be arranged through institutional sources) has been sanctioned to the Government of Orissa, for the implementation of the Dry Farming Pilot Project.

One main Research Centre has also been located at the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, and during 1970-71 a sum of Rs. 54,000/- had been remitted to the University. A sum of Rs. 1.83 lakhs is proposed to be sanctioned to the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology during 1971-72.

### Capacity of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

RADHAKRISHAN: 606. SHRI S. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

- (a) the total capacity of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi present :
- (b) whether the full capacity of the Corporation has been utilised so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the unsatisfactory progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES KHAN (ISPAT AUR MANTRA-LAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Of the three plants of Heavy Engineering Corporation, the Heavy Machine Building Plant and the Heavy Machine Tools Plant have been completed whereas the Foundry Forge Plant is still to be completed. The present capacities of the Plants are as under :

## Heavy Machine Building Plant:

Mechanical equipment: 30,000 tonnes

Structural items: 25,000

Heavy Machine Tools Plant: 278 units.

## Foundry Forge Plant:

Grey Iron Foundry: 39,060 tonnes

Non-Ferrous Founday: 700 tonnes

Steel Foundry: 66,000 tonnes

Forge shop. 27,700 tonnes

1,33,460 tonnes

- (b) No. Sir.
- (c) Build-up of production in a complex like that of the Heavy Engineering Corporation is inevitably a slow process and depends on a number of factors such as developments of adequate skills to master technological problem, efficient managerial control and harmonious industrial relations.

## पुर्वी पाकिस्तान के विस्थापितों को रोजगार वेना

# 607. श्री हकम चन्द कछवाय : श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी:

क्या श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) बंगला देश से आये शरणार्थियों को रोजगार देने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं: और
- (ख) कितने ग्रेजुएटों तथा डाक्टरों की सेवाओं का अब तक उपयोग किया गया है और उनके वैतनों की दरें क्या है ?

थम और पुनर्वास मन्त्री (श्री आए० के० खाडिलकर): (क) चुँकि भारत सरकार का पक्का इरादा है कि अनुकूल स्थितियां पैदा हो जाने पर इन शरणायियों को अपने घरों को लौट जाना