

will have a very limited impact only on the price line.

(b) The basic excise duty leviable in respect of the grey stage of all varieties of controlled cloth in the coarse and medium categories of cloth (preferred by the majority of consumers) has already been abolished with effect from the 1st October, 1966. There are no other proposals.

Cement Production

2009. Shri E. K. Birla: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to achieve the Fourth Plan cement production target of 25 million tonnes;

(b) whether, in view of the fact that cement manufacturers have not got enough funds at their disposal Government proposed to ask the financial institutions in the country to give them loans on liberal terms so that the expansion and establishment of new units may take place at a rapid pace; and

(c) if so, the total amount of loan likely to be given by the financial institutions?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) The tentative Fourth Plan targets for cement capacity and production are 23 million tonnes and 21 million tonnes, respectively. The present capacity of the industry is 12.8 million tonnes. On the basis of the pending schemes which are already under construction, the capacity is expected to increase to 19.2 million tonnes by 1969. The remaining gap will have to be filled up by:—

(1) the existing cement entrepreneurs, who have been given a price increase from 1st January, 1966 to serve as an in-

centive to undertake expansion schemes; and

(2) the public sector subject to resources being made available to it.

(b) The cement industry is being treated as one of the priority industries for grant of assistance by the financing institutions.

(c) The total amount of loan likely to be given by the financing institutions would depend on the available resources and the budgetary position of the financing institutions from year to year.

बिहार से पटसन की खरीद

2010. श्री विभूति मिश्र :

श्री क० ना० त्रिवारी :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की छुा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार राज्य व्यापार निगम को बिहार से पटसन खरीदने का कार्य सौंपने का है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह काम कब प्रारम्भ किया जायेगा ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री विनेश सिंह) : (क) और (ख). इस समय सरकार का बिहार से प्रथम अल्पकाल के पटसन खरीदने का कोई विचार नहीं है। जब कभी भी पटसन के मूल्य न्यूनतम समर्थक स्तरों से नीचे गिरते दिखाई देंगे तभी सरकार पटसन खरीदने का प्राधिकार देगी। इस कार्य को जिन अधिकारियों को सौंपा जायेगा, उसका निर्णय शीघ्र हो जायेगा।

Loss in Rourkela Steel Plant

2012. Shri K. N. Pandey:

Shri N. P. Yadav:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rourkela Steel Plant is running at a heavy loss;