

(ख) कारखाना कहाँ पर स्थापित होगा तथा उस पर कुल कितनी घनराशि व्यय होगी ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) और (ख). विदेशी मुद्रा बचाने के उद्देश्य से सरकार अब प्ले प्रस्तावित ३५ मि० मी० वाले कैमरों के स्थान पर सस्ते किस्म के कैमरे बनाने की सम्भावना पर विचार कर रही है। इस मामले में विदेशी 'कम' के साथ पत्र व्यवहार हो रहा है।

#### Steel Project in Madhya Pradesh

\*77. { Shri R. Barua;  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey is taken up to explore possibilities of setting up a steel project in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Bailadila iron ore mines have potentialities for such an expansion?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam)**: (a) and (b). Studies are now being conducted to ascertain the feasibility of setting up a new steel plant in the public sector in the Bailadila-Visakhapatnam area. The potentialities of the Bailadila iron ore mines are also being investigated in that connection.

#### Disposal of Imported Vehicles by S.T.C.

\*78. { Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj;  
Shri Buta Singh;  
Shri Gulshan;  
Shri Narasimha Reddy;  
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta;  
Dr. L. M. Singhvi;  
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the State Trading Corporation dispose of the

imported vehicles acquired from foreign diplomats and others; and

(b) the amount of profit made so far by the State Trading Corporation in acquiring and selling these vehicles?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhaj Shah)**: (a) The imported vehicles acquired by the STC under the scheme are allowed to be sold/allotted as per the following order of priority:

1. Rashtrapati Bhavan
2. Raj Bhavans
3. Defence requirements
4. Tourist Promotion
5. Central/State Governments
6. Public Sector Undertakings
7. Sales to public through sealed tenders.

(b) It will not be in public interest to disclose either the profits or the sale prices. It was for mopping up of the profits and to prevent the subsequent drain on the foreign exchange that the Hon. House and the public wanted Government to devise suitable mechanism to tackle this matter.

I also lay on the Table of the House a statement giving the number of vehicles so far acquired by the STC since the beginning of the scheme and the number of vehicles sold/allotted so far etc. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1447/63]

#### Cloth Prices

\*79. { Shri Warior;  
Shri Vasudevan Nair;  
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya;  
Shri Raghunath Singh;  
Shri P. C. Borooah;  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti;  
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation has demanded an upward revision of cloth prices; and

(b) if so, the attitude of the Government thereto?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation of the Indian Cotton Mills Federation is under consideration.

#### Tea Centres in European Countries

\*80. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:  
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 242 on the 16th November, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposals for opening tea Centres in European Countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the recurring expenditure to be incurred thereon?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). As a first step towards the setting up of Tea Centres in Europe, a senior officer of the Tea Board has been appointed with headquarters at Brussels to determine suitable locations for the Centres and arrange for their being set up. The Chairman, Tea Board and this officer have recently visited some of the countries in Europe and currently are having consultations with our Ambassador at Brussels with a view to finalising the location of the centres and formulating a co-ordinated programme for tea promotion in these areas.

(c) Recurring expenditure will be estimated once the sites for the Centres have been located.

#### Aluminium Plant in M.P.

\*81. **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations between the Governments of India and Hungary for the location of an Aluminium

Plant in Madhya Pradesh have been completed;

(b) whether an agreement has also been signed between the two Governments in this respect; and

(c) the upto date position regarding the setting up of the Plant?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). No. Sir.

(c) The National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. have been requested to prepare the detailed project report of the Alumina/Aluminium plant proposed to be established in Madhya Pradesh in consultation with the Hungarians preferably by the end of March 1964, if not earlier.

Further action will be considered on receipt of the detailed project report.

#### Supply Missions Abroad

\*82. { Shri Maheswar Naik:  
Shri Sham Lai Saraf:  
Shri Siddananappa:  
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:

Will the Minister of Economic and Defence Coordination be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of his inspection of the foreign Supply Missions during his visit to U.S.A. and Europe, he is contemplating to reorganize and streamline these Missions; and

(b) if so, in what way?

**The Minister of Supply in the Ministry of Economic and Defence Co-ordination (Shri Hathi):** (a) It is true that Minister (Economic & Defence Co-ordination), after his return from the U.K. and the U.S.A., considered it necessary to examine the possibility of re-organizing these Missions.

(b) I visited these Missions during the 1st to 18th July. I was accompanied by a senior officer of the Ministry. It will take some time before my recommendations are finalised.