

tries be pleased to state. (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Andhra Sugars to whom a licence has been given for setting up the fertilizer factory at Kothagudium has not made any progress;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to take over the project and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what steps are being taken to accelerate the pace of work of setting up the factory?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) It is not a fact that the Andhra Sugars has not made any progress in implementing the fertilizer project at Kothagudium. They have finalised their terms for technical and financial collaboration with an American firm. These terms have been approved by Government. The Company has also obtained the consent of the Controller of Capital Issues for issue of Capital for the project. They have also negotiated with the State Government for the acquisition of land for the factory as well as for the supply of water and electric power. They have concluded their negotiations with the Singareni Collieries for the supply of slack coal for the project on a long term basis. They have taken preliminary steps for registering a new Company to implement the project. They have applied to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a foreign exchange loan to cover the cost of imported equipment over and above the equity investment by the foreign collaborator.

(b) No.

(c) Government are in close touch with the party with a view to assisting them in overcoming difficulties. It is expected that, as soon as the foreign loan is sanctioned, the party will go ahead with the construction.

Pig Iron Plant at Yellandoo

256. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Kalinga Industries for setting up of a Pig Iron Plant at Yellandoo, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the areas from where the raw material for this plant will be procured; and

(c) when the plant is likely to be commissioned?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) Messrs. Kalinga Industries Ltd., Calcutta, who were granted an industrial licence in August, 1962 for setting up a plant in Andhra Pradesh for the manufacture of 100,000 tons per annum of Pig Iron have since surrendered the licence.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Floor Price for Ginger and Sea-Island Cotton

257. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to fix floor prices for ginger and sea-island cotton;

(b) the estimated cost of these commodities;

(c) the floor price proposed to be fixed; and

(d) since how long the proposal is before Government and the Planning Commission?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No. Sir, No precise cost data is available.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Industrial Estates

258. Shri N. R. Laskar: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Estates established in the country so far;

(b) the total number of such Estates established in Assam upto the end of the year 1962 and the districts in which these have been established; and

(c) the total amount allotted by the Centre to the State of Assam upto now in this regard?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) 263 Industrial Estates have been sanctioned so far. 80 Estates had started functioning by 31-12-1962, while others are in various stages of development.

(b) 5 Industrial Estates were established in Assam upto December 1962.

1. Gauhati (Kamrup Distt.)
2. Nalbari (Kamrup Distt.)
3. Dhekiajuli (Darang Distt.)
4. Tinsukia (Lakhimpur Distt.)
5. Sibsagar (Sibsagar Distt.)

(c) A provision of Rs. 65 lakhs has been allotted to the Assam State under the 3rd Five Year Plan for industrial estates, and the amount sanctioned so far is as follows:

Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs.)

<i>During 1961-62</i>	<i>During 1962-63</i>
0.98	1.49

बच्चों का भोजन

२५६. { श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :
श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितना बेबी फूड (बच्चों का भोजन) (दुग्ध तथा बनावटी भोजन) प्रति वर्ष उत्पादित किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) क्या सरकारी क्षेत्र में बच्चों के भोजन के उत्पादन के लिये कोई कारखाना निकट भविष्य में खोला जाने वाला है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो): (क) देश में पिछले तीन वर्षों में बच्चों के दुग्ध भोजन का उत्पादन इस प्रकार रहा :—

वर्ष	उत्पादन मीट्रिक टन
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१९६१	१८४५
१९६२	३६८२

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Thermometers

260. { **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the firms which are producing thermometers and whether any control is kept on the quality of thermometers produced in India; and

(b) whether Government are aware that very bad types of thermometers are being sold which never indicate the temperature correctly?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). (1) A list of the firms producing thermometers is laid on the Table of the House. (*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1454/63.*)

(2) The Indian Standards Institution has taken up the standardisation of all types of thermometers and the same is expected to be finalised shortly. The firms in the large scale sector produce thermometers with the help of foreign technical collaborators and have got their own rigid tests before the products are sent to the market. The firms in the small scale sector are rendered the necessary technical assistance by the organisation of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries.

(3) Government have not so far received any complaints regarding