

(c) if not, the quantity of tin-plates now being imported annually ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The quantities of tin-plates imported during the last three years are as under :

	(In metric tonnes)
1964-65	52,416
1965-66	34,034
1966-67	40,035

#### STEEL PLANTS IN PUBLIC SECTOR

1932. **SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of iron and steel produced by all the steel plants in the public sector during 1967-68 so far; and

(b) The quantity of the same exported during the same period and the foreign exchange earned thereby ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) and (b). Two statements giving the information are laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1739/67.*]

#### PERIODICAL REVIEW OF THE WORKING OF STEEL PLANTS

1933. **SHRI K. R. GANESH :**

**SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :**  
**SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :**  
**SHRI GANESH GHOSH :**

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal regarding the setting up of a high level team of technical experts and management specialists to review periodically the working of the steel plant has been considered;

(b) if so, the nature of the decision arrived at; and

(c) the composition and exact functions of the Committee ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) :** (a) There is at present no proposal to set up a high level team of technical experts and management specialists to review the

working of the steel plants under Hindustan Steel Ltd. For the present H.S.L. is taking action to form teams to assess the performance and productivity of various units in Plants and one such team has already been formed to look into the By-products units.

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

#### CAPACITY OF STEEL PLANTS

1934. **SHRI AMRIT NAHATA :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee set up to assess the existing industrial capacity that could be tapped for establishing steel plants has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main outlines thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND (DR. METALS CHANNA REDDY) :** (a) No, Sir.

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

#### VACUUM BRAKES

1935. **SHRI SHASHIBHUSHAN BAJPAI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether experiments were recently conducted on the new type of vacuum brakes developed by India for trains running at high speed; and

(b) if so, the result thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :** (a) Yes. Some trials have recently been carried out by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation on the vacuum brake system of passenger coaches, with some improvements incorporated to obtain increase in effective brake power for the controlling of high speed trains. The trials are still in progress and the first phase is expected to be completed by the end of November, 1967.

(b) The performance of vacuum brakes with improved features has so far been satisfactory.

#### NEWSPRINT FACTORY IN COOPERATIVE SECTOR

1936. **SHRI AMRIT NAHATA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received

any proposal for the setting up of a news-print factory in the co-operative sector;

- (b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and  
(c) the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

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

#### CONTROL OF PRICE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

1937. SHRI K. R. GANESH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the question of removal of controls on price and distribution of heavy commercial vehicles; and

- (b) if so, the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes.

(b) The informal price control as well as statutory control on the sale and distribution of heavy commercial vehicles has been lifted with effect from 19th September, 1967. In regard to the supplies of these vehicles to the Defence Forces, however, the informal price control continues to be exercised.

#### H.M.T. FACTORY, PINJORE

1938. SHRI K. R. GANESH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Factory, Pinjore has not been functioning satisfactorily and has run into serious losses;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

- (c) the steps being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

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

#### PRICE INCREASE OF CEMENT

1939. SHRI SHASHIBHUSHAN BAJPAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding the price-increase of cement; and

- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The industry's proposal to increase the f.o.r. price of cement on account of increased freight charges and increased cost of production has not been agreed to.

#### SUBSIDY FOR EXPORT OF STEEL BILLETS

1940. SHRI AMRIT NAHATA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision on the question of introducing subsidy for export of steel billets has been taken; and

- (b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

#### WEAVERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

1941. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up Weaver's Co-operative Societies in order to organise the entire handloom weavers of the county;

- (b) if so, the allocations made State-wise;

(c) how many societies function with the Centres aid in the State of U.P.; and

- (d) if there is none; the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1740/67.*]