Supply of Rolled Steel to Sudan

2230. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Bhilai Steel Works has undertaken to supply a large quantity of rolled steel to Sudan; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b). A contract for export of 12,500 tonnes of 90 lbs. Rails to British Standard Specification 11;1959 to Sudan has been finalised and the Shipment is expected to be completed by December, 1963.

Handmade Paper

- 2231. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:
- (a) the total production and consumption of handmade paper in the country; and
- (b) whether the handmade paper manufactured in the country is sufficient to meet the demand?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) The total production and consumption for the last five financial years are 6351 metric tons (Rs. 123.91 lakhs in value) and 5251 metric tons (Rs. 110.97 lakhs in value) respectively.

(b) No; Sir. The demand for high grade variety of handmade paper is greater than production.

Industrial Licences in Andhra Pradesh

2232. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for industrial licences received from Andhra Pradesh for 1962-63; and

(b) the break-up of applications accepted and rejected?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). 76 applications from Andhra Pradesh were received during the year 1962-63, out of which 14 were granted and 41 were rejected. The remaining applications are under consideration.

Sericulture in Andhra Pradesh

2233. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of grants and loans given to Andhra Pradesh for the development of sericulture during 1962-63; and
- (b) the amount proposed to be granted for 1963-34?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Rupees 1,59 lakhs (Rs. 71,000 as grant and Rs. 88,000 as loan).

(b) The outlay for 1963-64 is Rs. 2.25 lakhs.

Khadi and Village Industries Board, Andhra Pradesh

2234. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of Central grant given to Khadi and Village Industries Board of Andhra Pradesh during 1962-63; and
- (b) the total production of cotton and silk khadi in Andhra Pradesh during the same period?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Rs. 1.8 crores.

Quantity

(b) Cotton Khadi—56.88 sq. metres.

Value.

Rs. 131.75 lakhs.

Quantity

Silk Khadi— 0.32 sq. metres. Value. Rs. 4.39 lakhs