

tations have been received by the S.T.C. from the Karnatak Transport Operators Union in this matter. These representations will be examined.

(b) The S.T.C. arranges its supplies both on FOBT and FOR basis. In the public interest it is not desirable to disclose the prices as S.T.C. is a business organisation.

(c) Every effort is being made by the S.T.C. to transport the estimated quantity within the stipulated period.

(d) Information regarding the number of vehicles used is not readily available.

Tent and Duree Factory

2260. **Shri Umanath:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tent and Duree Factory under Elgin Mills Ltd. Kanpur which was manufacturing artic tents for the army has been closed;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to take over this concern?

The Deputy Minister of Supply (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) No information has been received by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals.

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

Purchase of Clocks by Government

2261. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of clocks purchased by Government for its offices at Delhi and New Delhi since the promulgation of emergency and the amount spent on them;

(b) whether the purchase was connected with defence or other emergency needs; and

(c) if not, the purpose for which the same were purchased?

The Minister of Supply (Shri Jai Sukh Lal Hathi): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cement Quota for Kerala

2262. { **Shri Pottekkatt:**
Shri A. V. Raghavan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a cut has been made in the cement quota for Kerala for 1962-63 and 1963-64; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the quota of cement to Kerala?

The Deputy Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). On account of a steep rise in the cement demand for works connected with the defence effort, a general reduction in the normal allocations of almost all cement consumers has been effected since the Emergency. This cut is being gradually restored. In the case of Kerala, the cut has been reduced from 20 per cent. in the fourth quarter of 1962-63 to less than 5 per cent in the third quarter of 1963-64.

Namrup Fertilizer Project

2263. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state the progress so far made in the implementation of the Namrup Fertilizer Project?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): The progress so far made in the setting up of the fertilizer factory at Namrup is as follows:

1. *Land Acquisition:* 806 acres of land required for factory and its associated township have been acquired.