- 15 Jaleswar.
- 16 Anandapur.
- 17. Barhampur.
- 18. Bargarh.
- 19. Dheen Kanal.
- 20. Baripada.
- (d) All the places where jute is grown in Orissa are being covered either by primary, secondary or regional societies. Ten more large-sized marketing societies are being asked by the State Trading Corporation to cover any area which is left over. Purchases would be made at minimum operational prices fixed by the Government.

## Cotton Prices

1199. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Textile Commissioner to maintain the cotton prices within the prescribed ceilings;
- (b) the quotation at the end of October, 1961, 1962 and 1963; and
- (c) the prices prevailing during November, 1963?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) No special steps are considered necessary as the prices are generally within the prescribed ceilings. When prices happen to pierce the ceilings, the Textile Commissioner requisitions cotton, if mills report difficulty in getting cotton at ceiling prices.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2049/63.]

## Palana Mines

1200. Shri Karni Singhji; Shri V. B. Deo:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revised project report for mining lignite from Palana, Rajasthan has been prepared; and

(b) if so, the amount of funds by way of loan and grant and other facilities provided by the Union Government for execution of the said project during the current year?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) The Chief Mining Engineering Palana Lignite Mining Board Government of Rajasthan, has prepared a detailed project report on open cast mining of lignite deposits at Palana.

(b) The Project is included in the State's Third Plan and funds necessary for its implementation are being provided by the State Government in their budget. No loan or grant has so far been provided by the Union Government for this project during the current year.

गोम्रा में कच्चे लोहे की छोटी खानें

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नया इस्पात, खान और भारी इंजीनियरिंग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि गोझाड्डिंगें कच्चे लोहे की छोटी खानों के बन्द हो जाने की संभावना है; और
- (ख) यदि हां, तो इसका क्या कास्य है ?

इस्पत्तं, खान तथा भारी इंजीनियाँरंग मंत्री (श्री खि० सुब्रह्मध्यभ) : (क) जी नहीं । खानें, विशेषतया छोटी खानें, मांग तथा श्रन्य तथ्यों पर निर्मंद होने के कारण समय-समय पर बन्द और खोली जातीं हैं। १९६३ वर्ष के पहले श्राधे में गोश्रा में चानू छोटी खानों की संख्या में काफी परिवर्तन हुशा । परन्तु जून १९६३ से चानू छोटी खानों की संख्या धीरे बढ़ रही है। बहुंमान