

(c) and (d). The requirement of refractories at present is approximately 700,000 tons per annum but is likely to increase when Steel Capacity is further expanded. A major portion of the present requirements is met from indigenous sources and the balance from imports.

Newsprint Factory in Wynad (Kerala)

373. Shri Koya: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a new print factory in Wynad in Kerala in view of the availability in plenty of bamboos there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Frozen Fish

374. { Shri Warrior:
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Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of frozen fish and shrimp exported during the last three years; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned on this account?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Exports of frozen fish and shrimps are not separately classified in the Indian Trade Classification. However, according to the Marine Products Export Promotion Council, Ernakulam, the exports of frozen fish and shrimps during the years 1960, 1961 and 1962 were 1.39 million kg. 1.38 million kg. and 2.26 million kg. earning foreign exchange of the order of Rs. 0.72 crores, Rs. 0.85 crores and Rs. 1.03 crores respectively.

Pig Iron

375. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of small foundries situated at Agra (U.P.) consumed 54,000 tons of pig iron in 1962;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have been given pig iron quota for 5,000 tons in 1962-63; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) It is not possible to say whether the small foundries situated in Agra consumed 54,000 tons of pig iron in 1962, as separate statistics of supply of pig iron to various towns in the States are not available. A quantity of 57,588 tonnes of pig iron was despatched/supplied to Uttar Pradesh State for both large and small scale foundries, during 1962.

(b) No, Sir. There was no quota system of allotment of pig iron in 1962-63 and foundries could place incidents either on stockists or producers to the extent of their requirements without any authorisation.

(c) Does not arise.

Pig Iron

376. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pig iron allotted to the steel works maintenance and the railway sleepers is much more than necessary for the actual production which have been achieved by the steel works and railway departments; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken to make interim assessments of the savings of pig iron by the various departments in the public sector so that it may be utilised for