

(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:
Shri Rama Chandra
Mallick:

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. 1.08 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

other important and useful purposes by small industries?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No, Sir. The allotment has been made after taking into account the minimum requirements for steel works maintenance and Railway sleeper manufacture.

(b) Does not arise as the allotment is based on the minimum requirements of the allottees. However, the quota for the State List (small scale) foundries has been raised from 120,000 tonnes to 218,000 tonnes in anticipation of increased production during 1963-64.

Corporation for Construction Work

377. { Shri Daji:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

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

(a) whether it has been decided to form and function a Corporation for construction work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new Corporation will absorb the existing construction labour employed by plants of the Hindustan Steel Ltd.; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Corporation is being formed to undertake a sizeable share of all new steel works construction. Its purpose is to supplement the available contract ability in the country, reduce construction costs and to conserve skills in the specialised fields of steel works construction.

(c) and (d). The new company will undertake construction at different sites. It might, therefore, be difficult

to carry existing construction labour with it. Efforts will, however, be made to use existing labour in the best manner possible.

Heavy Machine Building Project

378. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Heavy Machine Building Project being erected under the Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd., at Ranchi, would experience lack of ready designs, technological documents for undertaking manufacture of diverse items of Heavy Machinery Equipment as its main difficulty; and

(b) if so, the advance steps contemplated to resolve these difficulties?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). No difficulty is experienced on this account. Realising the need for design and technological documentation for the items to be produced in the Heavy Machine Building Plant, a list of 49 specific items has so far been drawn up in consultation with Hindustan Steel Ltd. and given to M/s. Prommshex to t, Moscow for preparation and supply of the necessary documentation. Based on future requirements, design and technological documentation for additional items will be procured from USSR as and when necessary. The Project has a full-fledged design bureau attached to it. This will provide facilities for modification and preparation of detailed designs and specifications.

Export Aid to Small Industries

379. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation has finalised a scheme called the 'Export Aid to Small Industries';

(b) if so, the object of the scheme; and

(c) the progress made so far?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.