

(c) Applications recommended by the State Directors of Industries are normally accepted after examination of the prospects of the industry for which machines are applied for and the foreign exchange commitment involved.

Cement factory Licences

414. **Shri Jaswant Mehra:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state the number of cement factory licences cancelled during this year on account of failure to set up factories?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): During 1963, three cement factory licences have been cancelled so far on account of failure to set up factories.

Corrugated Iron Sheets for Manipur

415. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of corrugated Iron Sheets required by the people of Manipur and the number of applications filed for them;

(b) the quantities of corrugated iron sheets allotted in 1962-63 and 1963-64 so far; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to meet the demand of the people of Manipur for Corrugated Iron Sheets?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). No fresh allotment of galvanised corrugated sheets has been made in 1962-63 and 1963-64 because of the large number of outstanding orders pending with the Producers and the need for meeting the large demand from the various Defence organisations during the emergency. However, supplies are being made, to the extent possible, against the outstanding orders. Demands for galvanised corrugated

sheets, during 1962-63 and 1963-64, under the various State's quotas, viz., Government Development schemes, Steel Processing industries, non-agricultural, agricultural and small scale industries, were 9,585 tonnes and 10,980 tonnes respectively. The number of applications for release from individual persons, received by the State authorities, were 2,222 in 1962-63 and 908 in 1963-64. However, the total despatches of galvanised corrugated sheets to Manipur State during 1962-63 and 1963-64 (April—September, 1963) were 1,424 tonnes and 791 tonnes, respectively. Since such sheets are in short supply as compared with the demand from all States, the available supply has to be rationed equitably amongst all consumers.

Industrial Projects

416. **Shri S. B. Patil:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state the total investments during the Third Five Year Plan upto 31st December, 1963 on public sector projects in the States of Mysore, Madras, Andhra, Kerala and Maharashtra?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export to U.K.

417. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a gradual decline of Indian exports to the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement of exports from India to the U.K. in 1961-62, 1962-63 is laid on the Table of the House. It will be seen that our exports in 1962-63 have in fact picked up, as compared with the previous year, to the extent of almost Rs. 3 crores.