

tonnes of electrolytic copper metal per annum (21,000 tonnes from the ore from Khetri Mines and 10,000 tonnes from ore from the nearby mine at Kolihan). 600 tonnes of Sulphuric acid per day will be produced as by-product which will be utilised for production of 2,14,500 tonnes of Triple Super Phosphate per annum. The Project is estimated to cost Rs. 85.93 crores.

(b) Besides, copper and sulphuric acid—Gold, Silver, Gypsum, Selenium, Copper Sulphate and Nickel will also be obtained as by-products.

(c) and (d). The entire Khetri Copper complex will, apart from the mine, include a Sulphuric Acid Plant and a fertilizer Plant. The Project is still in the construction stage and is expected to be commissioned by 1970-71, achieving full production by 1972-73. The question of setting up of other small, medium and large industries in the area, may arise only later.

Jamalpur Railway Workshop

1323. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skilled and unskilled workers engaged in the Jamalpur Railway Workshop in the years 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1967 together with the amount of total wages paid to them;

(b) the output in terms of quantity and value during the above period;

(c) the number of skilled staff including engineers and foremen and the amount of remuneration paid to them during above period;

(d) the amount of capital lying invested in the said Workshop;

(e) whether it is a fact that there is at present no work in the said Workshop and the qualified staff are mostly idle; and

(f) if so, the steps Government have taken to re-energise this Workshop and utilise its capital and the man-power to the utmost advantage of the country?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Export of Indian Tea

1324. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the devaluation of the Ceylonese rupee had had an adverse effect on India's tea exports; and

(b) if so, to what extent and the measures taken by Government to counteract it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) It is too early to judge whether and if so, to what extent the devaluation of the Ceylonese rupee would have an adverse effect on India's exports of tea.

(b) Government are closely watching the situation and have already initiated action such as inter-governmental discussions with Ceylon, certain adjustments in export duty, and intensification of promotional measures to strengthen the position of tea in export market.

India's Tea Export

1325. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the prospect of Indian tea export vis-a-vis Ceylonese tea export in the British and other European markets after the devaluation of the British pound?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI): Government are of the view that there should be no material change in the prospects of exports of Indian tea to the British and other European markets following the devaluation of the pound sterling, at least in the near future. They are, however, watching the situation and have been taking steps to strengthen