

(b) whether complaints and representations have been made by organisations, associations and individuals about the difficulties, drawbacks and deficiencies of the system; and

(c) if so, the action taken on those representations and complaints?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) Very few complaints and representations have been made about the difficulties, drawbacks and deficiencies of the system.

(c) In cases of representations, the simplicity of the metric system and the ease of its use were explained fully to those concerned.

Manufacture of Sluice and Lock Gates

1316. Shri Sidheshwar Prasad: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that plans to make sluice and lock gates in India are under consideration;

(b) whether they are to be designed by the experts of the C.W.P.C.;

(c) if so, in which engineering firms they are to be fabricated and on what basis;

(d) the approximate annual demand for these gates; and

(e) when it will be possible to export them?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (e). Sluice gates with low heads and lock gates are already being manufactured in some of the existing Workshops in the country, such as M/s Jessop & Co., Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd. Nangal Workshop, etc. Plans to undertake the design of High head gates in the C.W.P.C. and for entrusting the manufacture of such Gates to the various Workshops, under the usual procedure of calling for tenders, are

under consideration. The approximate demand for such sluice and high head gates has been estimated to be 25,000 tons. Exports may be possible during the Fourth Plan, when the Workshops produce adequate numbers.

Manufacture of Burnt Magnesite

**1317. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Kindar Lal:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted a licence for the setting up of a plant for the manufacture of burnt magnesite in Almora district;

(b) if so, the approximate outlay on the plant; and

(c) the approximate annual production capacity of the plant?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry & Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 80 lakhs.

(c) 36,000 tonnes.

Contribution of Wool to India from New Zealand

1318. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Zealand is not sending her contribution of wool to India under the Colombo Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No request was made to New Zealand for any contribution of wool under Colombo Plan.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.