

(a) whether it is a fact that an Export-cum-Fertilizer industry under the name of Hapur Bone Mills which were under the charge of a refugee from West Pakistan for 13 years is lying in ruins after its transfer to another party who is a blacklisted firm ; and

(b) if so, the reason why this industry, which was earning foreign exchange, was allowed to lapse in such an abnormal manner ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b) . The information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Visit by Japanese Trade Mission

- *73. SHRI M. L. SONDHI :
SHRI YASHWANT SINGH KUSHWAH :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI C. MUTHUSAMY :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :
SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :
SHRI R. V. NAIK :
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
SHRI J. B. SINGH :
SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO :
SHRI SHARDA NAND :
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :
SHRI C. C. DESAI :
SHRI BALARAJ MADHOK :
SHRI RANJIT SINGH :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Japanese Trade Mission visited India to explore the

possibilities of importing increased quantum of goods from India; and

(b) if so, the items which the Japanese Mission agreed to import from India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir Japanese Trade Mission visited India recently to study specifically the prospects of increasing further the exports from India to Japan of pellets, salt, leaf tobacco, prawns, sheep casings, oil cakes, precious stones and vegetables and fruits. The Mission would report their findings to the Japanese Government. However, during discussions with the Mission, it transpired that the Mission felt that there was a considerable potential for the growth of exports of the above-mentioned products from India to Japan.

Zinc Smelter at Visakhapatnam

- *74. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI N. K. SANGHI :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
DR. KARNI SINGH :
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
SHRI RANJIT SINGH :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOWDHURY :
SHRI BHOLA NATH MASTER :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a zinc smelter based on imported zinc concentrates at Visakhapatnam ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Rajasthan have disfavoured this proposal and have suggested that the zinc smelter in Rajasthan should be expanded instead as the State has sufficient zinc ore to meet the requirements of the country;