

(c) if so, the reasons for setting up a zinc smelter at Visakhapatnam particularly when there are no deposit of zinc in that area; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto :

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) In view of the wide gap between the demand for zinc metal and its indigenous availability and considering the foreign exchange savings that will accrue from the production of zinc metal from imported zinc concentrates, the setting up of a zinc smelter at Visakhapatnam had been under consideration of the Government for sometime past.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d). After taking into account the possibilities of metal yield from the zinc smelter at Debari (Udaipur) on present and expanded levels as also after allowing for the private sector unit at Alwaye to achieve its present full rated capacity and its possible expansion in the future years, it is anticipated that there would still be a very substantial shortage of zinc metal in the country by 1973-74 as the demand by than is expected to pick up to a level of about 1,40,000 tonnes per annum. It has been assessed that there would be a saving of foreign exchange to the extent of 30-40% by smelting the imported concentrates in the country rather than to import metal as such. In view of the anticipated shortage of metal, it has been felt that it would be to the country's advantage if a zinc smelter based on imported concentrates could be set up at Visakhapatnam. However, due to difficult resources position, this project could not be taken up for implementation earlier and as the resources position still continues to be acute, it is doubtful whether this project will find a place in the new Fourth Five Year Plan (1969-74). In any case, the proposal is in no way expected to affect the development of the Rajasthan deposits.

#### Modernisation of Textile and Sugar Industries

75. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :

SHRI HARDYAL DEVGUN :  
SHRIMATI ILAPAL CHOUDHURY :  
SHRI SHARDA NAND :  
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :  
SHRI ONKAR SINGH :  
SHRI J. B. SINGH :  
SHRI BANSH NARAIN SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to modernise the textile and sugar industries and the Institution like the National Industrial Finance Corporation are proposed to finance the programme;

(b) whether the proposal has been finalised;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the period likely to be taken for its finalisation ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The need for modernisation of the textile and sugar industries has been engaging the attention of the Government for sometime and a decision has been taken to the effect that facilities should be given to individual mills/factories to obtain assistance from financing agencies like the Industrial Finance Corporation of India. The resources made available to the financing agencies are considered to be adequate to meet the rehabilitation and modernisation requirements of these industries. It has been left to the Industrial Finance Corporation of India and other financing agencies to scrutinise individual applications for assistance on the basis of appropriate criteria such as credit worthiness of the applicants and decide on merits the extent to which they might assist the individual units.

(d) This question does not arise.

#### Export of Fiat Cars to Rumania

76. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI N. R. LASKAR :