

गंगानगर जिले में भी इसका वितरण किया जा रहा है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

औद्योगिक विकास, आंतरिक व्यापार तथा समवाय कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) सरकार को कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ख) और (ग). जी नहीं, देश में उत्पादित सीमेंट भारतीय मानक संस्थान के मानकों के अनुरूप हैं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**SUPPLY OF STEEL BY TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY TO U.S.A.**

4966. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government has placed an order with the Tata Iron and Steel Company for the supply of 17,500 tonnes of steel costing more than one million dollars;

(b) if so, when this order was procured and the items to be supplied; and

(c) whether the prices offered are on par, or higher or lower than the export prices for similar items of the Hindustan Steel Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited are understood to have booked some orders for supply of about 27,000 tonnes of steel at a price exceeding \$1 million from private parties in the U.S.A. No orders have been placed by the U.S. Government.

(c) There are only two common items for which orders have been booked both by Tata Iron & Steel Company and Hindustan Steel Limited. In both these cases the prices booked by Tata Iron & Steel Company were slightly lower than those of Hindustan steel Limited, but since the orders were booked at different points of time no conclusions can be drawn therefrom.

**EXPENDITURE ON KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES**

4967. SHRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in the year 1968-69 on the Khadi and Village Industries;

(b) the basis or criterion on which the above amount was spent; and

(c) whether Government propose to revise the same on the basis of the number of people depending on the industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has informed that the expenditure incurred during 1968-69 for the development of Khadi and Village Industries from the funds sanctioned by Government and those available with the Commission is as under:

	(Rs. crores)		
	Khadi	V.I.	Total
Grant	8.98	1.56	10.54
Loan	3.98	6.84	10.82
Total :	12.96	8.40	21.36

(b) The basis on which the amount is spent is governed by the various patterns of assistance approved by the Commission and the Government from time to time. The expenditure was mainly on financial assistance for working capital and capital investment loans including share capital loans, grant for training and research and for procuring improved tools and equipment and subsidy for reducing the price differential or for increasing sales.

(c) Recently the Khadi and Village Industries Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Mehta had, among other things, gone into the questions connected with employment in the traditional industry sector. The matter is at present being examined by Government in consultation with the State Governments.