

विवरणों को निरन्तर कायम रखने तथा उनके पालन का ध्यान रखती रही है। उत्पादकों को उनके कारखानों में किस्म नियन्त्रण तथा निरीक्षण विभागों की स्थापना करने की दिशा में उनका पथ-प्रदर्शन किया जाता है तथा सहायता दी जाती है ताकि निर्धारित मानकों तथा किस्म को बनाए रखने का सुनिश्चय किया जा सके।

#### EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOODSTUFFS

\*430. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of countries to which India is exporting processed food preparations and the nature thereof;

(b) the value of processed food products exported to each country during the year 1967;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to provide facilities to the exporters to boost exports of processed foodstuffs ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-342/68*].

#### STOCK OF YARN WITH TEXTILE MILLS

\*431. SHRI P. GOPALAN :  
SHRI K. RAMANI :  
SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that huge stocks of yarn have accumulated with the textile mills in the Southern region;

(b) if so, total quantity thereof;

(c) whether this has created crisis in the textile mills; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). The production of yarn in the mill sector in the Southern region comprising of Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Mysore, Kerala and Pondicherry is about 2.25 crores kilograms per month. The stocks at the end of August, September, October, November and December, 1967, were 1.14, 1.23, 1.12, 1.01 and 1.23 crores kilograms respectively. These stocks, which represent about a fortnight's production, are not considered alarming.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

\*432. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :

SHRI ANBUCHERIAN :

SHRI DEIVEEKAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Common Market has introduced several measures to ease trade with the developing countries particularly with India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the measures thereof;

(c) how far India will be benefited by these measures; and

(d) the steps which have been taken by Government to utilize the concessions offered by the European Common Market ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

\*433. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether educational facilities are provided for the children of railway employees serving at remote places where there are no schools nor colleges;

(b) whether there is any provision of hostels attached to railway schools for the out-station students; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not providing hostels on the North-east Frontier Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Educational assistance is provided in such cases.

(b) and (c). No hostels have been provided in Railway schools except in the case of Oak Grove School, Mussoorie.

#### FREE TRADE ZONE

\*434. SHRI HIMATSINGKA :  
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a free trade zone is proposed to be established on the east coast of India;

(b) if so, the port on which it is proposed to be set up; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

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

#### BOKARO STEEL LTD.

\*435. SHRI D. N. PATODJA :  
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Director of the Bokaro Steel Ltd. was recently gheraoed and the progress of the project has been hampered as a result of the disturbances;

(b) whether a month's delay in the construction work of the project would cost the Exchequer a loss of nearly Rs. 2 crores;

(c) whether the existing situation is congenial for the smooth working of the project and whether the work is being carried on according to the schedule; and

(d) if not, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) to (d). No, Sir. Only a demonstration was staged before the Administrative Building on the 8th February, 1968, for some time. Thereafter the demonstrators went in procession to the plant site, stopping work for a short while. Some obstruction was made in certain places in the Cooling Pond area, but on the whole, work in the plant is proceeding smoothly and according to schedule. The question of any loss due to this interference does not arise as the interference in the work was very little, only in a Section, and even that has been restored. The situation at the plant site is normal.

#### DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

\*436. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :  
SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :  
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN :  
SHRI K. RAMANI :  
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :  
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of workers of Durgapur Steel Plant were laid off in the month of February, 1968;

(b) if so, the number of workers and the number of days for which they were laid off; and

(c) the reasons for the same and the financial loss sustained by the Plant and whether any solution of the problem has been found to ensure that such a situation does not arise in future?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) and (b). Workers numbering 496 belonging to the Operation, Despatch and Maintenance Sections of the Merchant Mill of D.S.P. were laid off with effect from February 9, 1968. The lay off is still continuing.