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* 518. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindustan Steel and Neyveli Lignite are distributing their fertilizer output through private sector 'large business house' trade channels instead of exploiting Public sector and cooperative channels ;

(b) what are the amounts of sales in last three years made to Shaw Wallace, Parry and Rail is by these two Public sector units; and

(c) whether other Public Sector fertilizer manufacturers with their own marketing networks expressed interest in distributing HSL and Neyveli fertilizer ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-

MANGALAM) : (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Neyveli Lignite Corporation is distributing Urea (the only fertiliser it produces) through private sector as well as through Government and Co-operative channels.

The Hindustan Steel Ltd. distribute their fertilizers through Cooperative, State Marketing agencies and private organisations. Distribution through large private business houses accounted for about 7% of their total sale of CAN and about 25% of the total sale of Ammonium Sulphate during 1971-72.

(b) The statement below indicates the business enjoyed by Shaw Wallace, Parry & Rallis during the last three years :-

Quantities of Urea sold by Neyveli Lignite Corporation**(Figures in tonnes)**

Name of the firm	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
1. M/s. Shaw Wallace	34,207.3	33,153.5	3,847.6
2. M/s. Rallis India Ltd.	15,802.0	13,787.5	17,034.3
3. M/s. E. I. D. Parry & Co.	18,409.0	9,326.0	6,716.1

Quantities of Fertilisers sold by Hindustan Steel Limited**(Figures in tonnes)**

	1969-70		1970-71		1971-72	
	CAN	AS	CAN	AS	CAN	AS
1. M/s. Wallace	...	...	4876	7910*	8019	3743*
2. M/s. Rallis India Ltd.	1646	...	1961	4287*	3480	4636*
3. M/s. E. I. D. Parry & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...

CAN=Calcium Ammonium Nitrate.

AS=Ammonium Sulphate.

*The figures represent sale order quantity. Exact despatch figures against these orders are not readily available.

(c) Neyveli Lignite Corporation in 1969-70 had explored the possibility of entering into long-term arrangements with public sector fertiliser manufacturers, viz M/s FACT and FCI. In 1969 the terms offered by FACT were found unfavourable and HCI was not interested. Later in June 1972, FCI approached the Corporation but by that time, the Neyveli Lignite Corporation had already finalised the distribution and entered into agreements.

Fertiliser Corporation of India had approached Hindustan Steel Ltd. recently for the distribution of fertilisers. Hindustan Steel Ltd., however, are continuing with the distribution system mentioned at (a) above as it has been working satisfactorily.

CLOSURE OF R. I. C. INDUSTRIES IN WEST BENGAL

*519. SARDAR AMJAD ALI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain units of Rehabilitation Industries Corporation, West Bengal have been closed ;

(b) if so, which are those units and what are the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether in view of the grave unemployment problem of West Bengal, Government are thinking for reopening the closed units ; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken so far by Government in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of the Industrial Units closed and the reasons for their closure are :—

- (i) Jagdalpur Weaving Centre Jagdalpur (Madhya Pradesh)
- (ii) Padwa Weaving Centre, Padwa (Orissa)
- (iii) Ambaguda Oil Mill, Ambaguda (Orissa)

(iv) Agartala Fruit Canning Unit, Agartala (Tripura)

(vj) Book Binding Unit Behala Industrial Estate, Behala (West Bengal)

(vi) Toy Making Unit, Habra, 24-Parganas (West Bengal)

(vii) Gayeshpur Bucket Factory, Gayeshpur, Nadia (West Bengal)

(viii) Rupnarayanpur Wood Works, Rupnarayanpur (West Bengal)

(ix) Textile Printing Unit, Bon-Hooghly Industrial Estate (West Bengal)

These were very small and uneconomic Units. Besides, the Rehabilitation Industries Corporation was experiencing difficulty in exercising proper control over the Units located in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura from the headquarters at Calcutta.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

भारत-पाक शिखर वार्ता का स्वागत करने वाले देश

*520. श्री राम सहाय : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि किन-किन देशों ने भारत-पाक शिखर वार्ता की सफलता के लिए शुभ संदेश भेजे थे ?

COUNTRIES HAILING INDO-PAK SUMMIT TALKS]

*520. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the names of the countries which sent messages wishing success of the Indo-Pak Summit talks] ?

विदेश मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) : सदन की पेज पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है, जिसमें उन देशों के नामों की सूची है जिन्होंने शिखर-वार्ता की सफलता की कामना करते हुए संदेश भेजे थे ।