

Pradesh with foreign collaboration in spite of the fact that technical know-how in this field is available in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the agreement signed in this connection a payment of about Rs. 7½ lakhs for technical consultation and Rs. 2½ lakhs as royalty will have to be made to the foreign collaborator in foreign exchange annually;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for according such permission; and

(d) whether more such proposals are under consideration of the Government of India; if so, the details thereof?]

औद्योगिक विकास तथा आन्तरिक व्यापार मंत्रालय मे उपमंत्रि (श्री एम० आर० कृष्ण) :

(क) आन्ध्र प्रदेश में शराब बनाने का कारखाना स्थापित करने के लिए आशय पत्र जारी कर दिया गया है। विन्तु अभी तक पार्टी ने विदेशी सहयोग के लिए कोई आवेदन पत्र नहीं दिया है। यद्यपि विहस्वो की किस्म सुधारने और उसे निर्यात के योग्य बनाने के लिए देश में इसकी तकनीकी जानकारी उपलब्ध है, तो भी सरकार विदेशी सहयोग के ऐसे प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर सकती है, जिसमें काफी मात्रा में निर्यात करने का दायित्व लिया गया हो।

(ख) और (ग) पार्टी ने अभी तक विदेशी सहयोग के लिए प्रस्ताव नहीं दिया है।

(घ) जी हा। लाइसेंस के लिए एक और आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है, उसमें विदेशी सहयोग निहित है, उस पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) :

(a) A Letter of Intent has been issued for the setting up of a distillery in Andhra Pradesh. But the party has not submitted any application for foreign collaboration so far.

Although indigenous technical know-how exists in this field, in order to improve the quality and exportability of

†] English translation.

whisky, Government may consider foreign collaboration proposals with suitable export obligations.

(b) and (c) The party has not yet submitted any proposal for foreign collaboration.

(d) Yes, Sir. One more application for a licence involving foreign collaboration has been received and is under examination.]

BOKARO STEEL PLANT

*309 SHRI CHITTA BASU, will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to make a techno-economic reappraisal to make the Bokaro Steel Plant a profitable venture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT : (a) and (b) The Bokaro Project is being implemented up to the 4 m. tons stage in accordance with the detailed project Report already approved by Government. Within the frame-work of this Project Report, the Principle Consultants for the 4 m. tonne stage, namely, C.E.D.B. have been asked to examine the desirability of making modifications in the product-mix in the light of the latest demand position, and also to consider such other changes as may improve the profitability of the Project.

PAPER CORPORATION

*310. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposed Paper Corporation has been set up by Government; and

(b) if so, the functions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir. The Hindustan Paper Corporation (P) Limited has been set up.

(b) The main objects of this Corporation have been enumerated in the Memorandum of Association of the