

(b) About 16,42,000 tonnes of iron ore have been moved by road to Paradeep Port between July, 1966 to July, 1968. Movement is made at the following rates as a result of tenders :

- (i) Bhubaneswar to Paradeep— Rs. 19.50 per tonne
- (ii) Nergundi to Paradeep— Rs. 17.25 per tonne
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) and (e) Do not arise.

CASHEW EXPORTERS MEMORANDUM

*519. SHRI KESAVAN (THAZHA-VA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarted question No 259 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1967 and state :

- (a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the proposals for the stabilisation of cashew industry contained in the memorandum submitted by India Cashew Exporters' Association, Quilon, Kerala ; and
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Certain matters contained in the memorandum are still under consideration.

- (b) Does not arise.

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMAN OF HEAVY PLATES AND VESSELS PROJECT

*520. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT and COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) the names of the directors and Chairman of Bharat Heavy Plates and vessels Ltd., Visakhapatnam; and
- (b) the powers of the Chairman and the directors respectively?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix No. XLV, Annexure No. 89.]

PRODUCTION OF BLACK SHEETS IN ROURKELA, TISCO AND IISCO

*521. SHRI M. M. SUR : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the tonnage of black sheets of 24, 26, 28 and 30 gauges produced in Rourkela Steel Plant, TISCO and IISCO separately 68;

(b) the estimated production in tonnage of the above black sheets in each of those Steel Plants during 1968-69; and

(c) whether any arrangement has been made to make available slightly defective sheets of the above gauges from each of the above plants for use in various types of consuming industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Information relating to production of black sheets in different gauges mentioned in the question is not separately maintained by the producers concerned. However total annual production of black plain sheets for the relevant period is as under:—

(In '000 tonnes)				
Year	TISCO	IISCO	Rourkela	
1965-66	106.9	94.8	186.1	
1966-67	101.3	124.9	113.6	
1967-68	94.1	71.9	127.0	

(b) The estimated production of black sheets in different gauges in each of the Steel Plants during 1968-69 is as follows:—

tonnes				
TISCO	IISCO	Rourkela		
50,000	48,000	380,000		

(c) The defective sheets are already being sold by the main producers to the various consumers.

CREDIT FACILITIES TO SMALL TEA GARDENS

*522. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide adequate credit facilities to the small