

SHRI P. C. SETHI: Actually as far as the import of stainless steel is concerned during the Emergency in 1962 we completely stopped barter deals of stainless steel. That is why there was acute shortage during that period. But after the Government received various representations they agreed to the quota of about 2,000 tonnes which was distributed to the various State Governments according to demand and in view of the proportionate position of the allocation. As far as stainless steel is concerned, we are trying to manufacture the steel at the Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant and we hope that by the middle of 1968 the plant will start production. The total production capacity would be 18,000 tonnes. It will certainly take time to pick up this capacity. But the situation will very much ease when this production goes up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

[Some hon. Members stood up in their seats.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: I must do at least twelve questions. I have been able to do only seven. I must see that many questions are taken up and many more Members are given opportunity to put their questions.

CEMENT FACTORIES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

*158. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the setting up of cement factories at Tandur and Yerraguntla in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when the factories are likely to be set up; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) A project report for putting up a cement plant of 200,000 tonnes per annum capacity at Tandur (A.P.) has been received, and is under consideration of Government. Project report for a unit at Yerraguntla has not yet been received from the Cement Corporation of India.

(b) It takes about not less than 3 years for a cement plant to come into production from the date of approval.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY: On the plant at Yerraguntla the same answer has been given in 1965. Again, in 1967, when I put a question the same answer was given. Will the Government consider at least now to see that the Yerraguntla Project comes up at least now?

SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY: Sir, field investigations were completed in respect of Tandur, Yerraguntla and Alampur in Andhra Pradesh in January 1967, June 1967 and November 1967 respectively. So far as the Tandur Cement factory is concerned, the project report has been received and it is under the consideration of the Finance Ministry. As far as the Yerraguntla is concerned Cement Corporation has not sent to us any project report. Therefore, we are not in a position to say about it.

SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY: Sir, Yerraguntla being in the Rayalaseema area which is noted for its famine and unemployment problem which is rampant there, will the Government of India send any direction to the State Government to send a proposal for starting a cement factory at Yerraguntla?

SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY: The question relates not to the State Government starting a

cement factory but the Cement Corporation of India starting a cement factory at Yerraguntla. For the purpose of making a study of the location of the plant and the potentialities of the place, the field investigations were completed. But unfortunately so far, the Cement Corporation of India has not sent any project report. I fully sympathise with the sentiments expressed by the hon'ble **Member about the poverty-stricken condition of the area.**

SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU: May I know, Sir, the number of cement factories in Andhra Pradesh and what is the annual production of these factories and what proportion does it bear to the entire production of the country?

SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY: Sir, according to the information we have got on record the annual capacity of the cement factories located in Andhra Pradesh is:

	Million Tonnes
Andhra Cement, Vijayawada	0.20
K. C. P. Kacherla	0.25
A C C. Limited, Kistna	0.26
A.C.C. Limited, Mancherial	0.34
Panyam Cements, Cement Nagar	0.16
Ramagundam	0.20

I have not calculated the total percentage in the list of total production.

EXPORT BY EXPORT HOUSES

- *159. **SHRI A. G. KULKARNI†:**
SHRI M. M. DHARIA:
SHRI G. R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of exports by Export Houses out of the exports during the years 1966 and 1967; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. G. Kulkarni.

(b) the percentage of exports by the State Trading Corporation of India on account of Small Industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) According to the information received from the Recognised Export Houses, the exports made by them during 1966 and 1967 were about 14 per cent and 15 per cent respectively of total exports.

(b) The percentage of exports by the State Trading Corporation of India on account of small industries is 0.7 per cent during each of the years 1966 and 1967.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know whether the Government has recognised Export Houses as an agency to boost exports? They have liberalised the scheme of concession for the Export Houses. In this connection, I would like to know whether the Government has studied the effect of the liberalised scheme for Export Houses. That is my question number one. Secondly, as regards the State Trading Corporation, on page 18 of the latest report of the STC, they say that they have effected exports from the small-scale industry of 197 units only and 0.7 per cent or whatever it is of total Engineering Exports? When there are about 1,20,000 small-scale units in this country and they are producing about 30 per cent of the total industrial production in this country, may I know whether the Government thinks that pattern of exports through the STC has got any intrinsic defects and, if so, what are the steps to remedy those defects?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: Sir, actually the two parts of the question can be combined together and I can reply accordingly. The State Trading Corporation has already initiated action and has constituted a panel headed by the Chairman of the STC to discuss the matters of small-scale industries, and the hon. Member