

1965, felt that several financial and technical collaboration agreements entered into in the past by Indian firms with foreign parties came in the way of exports of products manufactured under such agreements, and recommended that a Committee should be set up to study foreign collaboration agreements and suggest modifications and changes in such agreements from the export angle. Government have accepted the recommendation and have accordingly set up a Committee for the purpose under the Chairmanship of Shri A. Ramaswami Mudaliar.

TIMBER PROCESSING FACTORY IN MYSORE

39. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Mysore is going to set up a timber processing factory for purposes of export to Japan,

(b) if so, whether Government of India have been consulted on the project; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in affirmative, what are the salient features of the project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA): (a) I am not aware of any such scheme of the Mysore Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BOKARO STEEL PROJECT

40. { SHRI A. D. MANI:
SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:

Will the Minister of IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimates have been arrived at regarding the cost of the Bokaro Steel Project;

(b) whether the Russian experts have submitted any recommendations to Government on the subject;

(c) whether the report on the project has been received by the Government;

(d) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(e) when the first phase of the Project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) to (e) The detailed Project Report for the Bokaro Steel Plant has been received from the Soviet authorities. The Report envisages the setting up of an integrated steel plant with an initial capacity of 1.7 million tonnes per annum capable of being developed continuously to a capacity of 4 million tonnes per annum and to 5.5 million tonnes ultimately. The cost is estimated to be Rs. 770 crores by the Soviet designers at the 4 million tonne stage but this estimate exclude certain off-site facilities, etc.

The plant will produce hot and cold rolled sheets and galvanised sheets, both plain and corrugated.

According to the Project report, the first phase of the project is expected to be ready in 5½ years, but this question of the phasing is under discussion with the Soviet Organisations concerned.

TEXTILE MILLS UNDER LIQUIDATION

41. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the textile mills in the country which are under liquidation at present; and

(b) the date since when each of one of them is under liquidation proceedings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.