

**CEMENT MANUFACTURING PLANT**

♦725. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cement Corporation has since finalised plans for setting up of cement manufacturing plants; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to complete its first plant?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) and (b) The Cement Corporation has by now finalised its plan for setting up three to four cement manufacturing plants each of 0.2 million tonne capacity per annum. According to the present indications these plants are likely to be completed in about three years' time.

**SODEPUR COTTON MILLS**

♦727. SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee was constituted by Government to investigate into the affairs of the Sodepur Cotton Mills Limited, West Bengal, in October 1965;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of the Committee has not been received yet but is expected shortly.

(c) Does not arise.

**HOMES FOR AGED AND DISABLED**

♦731. SHRIMATI C. AMMANNA RAJA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any homes in the country for the aged and disabled; and

(b) if so, whether they are subsidised by the Government of India or by the State Governments ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some homes are aided by the Government of India. Information about the assistance given by the States will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**PRODUCTION OF CHEAP SMOKELESS FUEL FOR DOMESTIC USE**

♦736. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state the steps so far taken to implement the recommendations made by the Expert Committee set up under the chairmanship of the late Dr. J. C. Ghosh regarding production of cheap smokeless fuel for domestic use ?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : A provision has been proposed tentatively, for setting up of Low Temperature Carbonisation Plants in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa during the Fourth Plan period.

**SHAVING BLADES MANUFACTURING FACTORIES**

\*739. SHRI M. M. DHARTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of factories which manufacture shaving blades;

(b) what is their annual production; and

(c) how the quality of the manufactured blades is maintained?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) Five in the large scale. There are a few units in the small scale sector also.

(b) About 1,018 million Nos.

(c) The manufacturers are being allowed import of high Carbon Steel Strips and special type of grinding stone/wheels. Besides they are adopting advance techniques and employing foreign experts for technical assistance in the manufacturing process.