

†[SETTING UP OF CEMENT FACTORIES

*253. PT. BHAWANIPRASAD TIWARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in India where the Cement Corporation propose to set up cement factories; and

(b) the criteria on which the decisions are based in this regard?]

उद्योग तथा संभरण मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बिबुधेन्द्र मिश्र) : (क) सीमेंट कारपोरेशन सीमेंट के कारखानों की स्थापना करने के लिए इस समय कच्चे सामान की उपलब्धि तथा यातायात, बिजली और पानी इत्यादि सम्बन्धी दूसरी सुविधाओं के बारे में प्रारम्भिक सर्वेक्षण करने के काम में लगा हुआ है। इस सर्वेक्षण का परिणाम मालूम हो जाने के बाद ही उन स्थानों के बारे में निर्णय किया जा सकेगा, जहां कारपोरेशन सीमेंट के कारखाने स्थापित करेगा।

(ख) इन स्थानों का चुनाव आर्थिक कारणों जैसे कच्चे माल की उपलब्धि, यातायात, बिजली, पानी तथा अन्य सुविधाओं के आधार पर करने का विचार है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) The Cement Corporation is at present engaged in the preliminary survey of the availability of raw materials and other facilities like transport, power, water, etc., for setting up cement factories; the places where it would set up cement factories can be decided only after the results of the preliminary survey are known.

(b) The locations are proposed to be selected on economic considerations, viz., availability of raw

material, transport, power, water and other facilities.]

MANUFACTURE OF BABY FOOD

*254. { SHRIMATI NANDINI SAT-PATHY:
SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some factories for the manufacture of Baby Food are to be established during the Third Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the names of the States where these factories will be established?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) and (b) The Government have so far approved establishment of two new factories—one in Gujarat and one in U.P., for the manufacture of Baby Food, and expansion of an existing unit in Gujarat.

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY BETWEEN MADRAS AND VIJAYAWADA

*255. SHRI V. C. KESHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Railway between Madras and Vijayawada on the Southern Railways; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be taken up and completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) The question of electrification of Madras-Vijayawada section is being examined in detail along with a few other high traffic density trunk routes on the Railways.

(b) The inclusion finally of this section in the 4th Plan electrification programme and its phasing will depend on the availability of funds, of

power and on the relative priorities of the different sections as determined by the operating advantages and economics.

EXPORT OF 'BLEEDING MADRAS'

*256. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters of 'Bleeding Madras' were not able to meet their commitments made with foreign countries during the months of February and March, 1965; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All commitments were fulfilled and record experts have taken place both during the months of Feb. March, 1965 and the whole year 1964-65.

MINERAL INVESTIGATIONS IN MADHYA PRADESH

*257. THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested the Union Government to undertake certain mineral investigations on a priority basis; and

(b) if so, whether the proposals have been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

FACILITIES OFFERED AT FREE TRADE ZONES

*258. { SHRI SANKAR PRATAP
SINGH DEV;
SHRI RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Transport Minister, while inaugurating the Kandla Port, invited overseas Indians to take advantage of facilities offered at the free trade zone; and

(b) if so, whether any offer has been received?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kandla Free Trade Zone Administration have so far received nine applications from Indian firms with overseas Indian partners. Of these, five applicants have already been approved by the Selection Committee for setting up industries in the Zone.

ALLOTMENT OF IRON AND STEEL TO PUNJAB

*259. { SHRI P. ABRAHAM;
SHRI U. S. DUGAL:

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

(a) the quantity of iron and steel allotted by Government to Punjab during 1964-65; and

(b) the quantity proposed to be allotted during 1965-66?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

LOANS SANCTIONED TO PUNJAB FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

*260. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state.

(a) the amount of loan sanctioned to Punjab for the development of small scale industries during 1964-65 and so far is 1965-66;

(b) the classification of these loans according to different industries; and

(c) the amount spent or is proposed to be spent in backward areas?