

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?