

STATEMENT

No foreign exchange has been sanctioned to M/s. Bird & Co. as such for the purpose mentioned in the question. Perhaps the Hon'ble Member has M/s. Titagur Paper Mills in his mind. If so, the position is that import licences worth about Rs. 77 lakhs were issued to that company during the period 1953 to 1959. These licences are reported to have been fully utilised and no license in full or in part appears to have been surrendered.

**DISMISSAL OF A DEPUTY DIRECTOR
GENERAL IN DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND
DISPOSALS**

*366. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Deputy Director General of the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals was dismissed from service recently on charges of corruption; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to prosecute him under the Prevention of Corruption Act and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI K. RAGHU RAJNIAIAH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is still under consideration.

**PURCHASE OF WOOL AGAINST RUPEE
PAYMENT**

*367. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to buy 5 million lbs. of wool* against rupee payment; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the wool will be utilised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) The International wool Secretariat in its Report on the "Economics of Modernisation in the Indian Wool Textile Industry" *inter alia* recommended the establishment of a strategic reserve, or stock-pile of imported raw materials on which manufacturers can draw against export orders with the minimum delay and formality. Government have accepted this recommendation and are examining the possibility of importing about 5 million lbs of wool from Australia for building up an effective stock-pile along with the modernisation scheme.

PULP MANUFACTURING PLANT

*368. THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is under Government's consideration regarding the setting up of a pulp manufacturing plant in the public sector in the Fourth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, where the proposed plant will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All relevant data on the subject is being collected by the National Industrial Development Corporation and as soon as the necessary data is made available, decision on the establishment and location of the plant will be taken.

**HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES
OF H.E.C.**

*369. SHRI P. C. MITRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to refer to para 3 of the answer given to Starred Question No. 389 in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th September, 1964, in which it was stated that a decision in regard to the res-

toration of house rent allowance to the employees of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi, was 'likely to be taken in the next few days' and state whether that decision has since been taken and if so, what is that decision?

THE MINISTER OF ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH) : Yes, Sir. House rent allowance has been restored retrospectively with effect from the 1st January, 1963, the date from which it was discontinued.

स्टील प्लांट स्थापित करने के लिये हंगरी के विशेषज्ञों द्वारा स्थान का निरीक्षण

*३७०. पंडित भवानी प्रसाद तिवारी : क्या इस्पात तथा खान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्टील प्लांट स्थापित करने की दृष्टि से हंगरी के विशेषज्ञों की एक टुकड़ी द्वारा बेलाडीला में स्थान का निरीक्षण किये जाने की आशा की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या सरकारी अथवा गैर सरकारी विशेषज्ञों द्वारा उस स्थान का कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां तो उनका क्या मत है ?

•J- [INSPECTION OF SITE BY HUNGARIAN EXPERTS FOR SETTING UP STEEL PLANT

*370. PT. BHAWANIPRASAD TIVARI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Hungarian team of experts is expected to inspect the site at Beladila with a view to setting up a steel plant there;

(b) whether any survey of the place has been made by official or non-official experts; and

(c) if so, what are their views?]

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री एन० संजीव रेड्डी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लि० ने बेलाडीला विशाखापत्तनम क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण किया है और इस क्षेत्र में एक इस्पात सन्थान स्थापित करने की शक्यता के बारे में अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है । सरकार रिपोर्ट पर विचार कर रही है ।

[THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Hindustan Steel Ltd. have made a study of the Beladila-Visakhapatnam region and have submitted a report on the feasibility of locating a steel plant in this region. The report is under consideration of the Government.]

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF THE RAILWAYS

*371. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Research has made certain suggestions to Government for the increase of operational efficiency of the Railways;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations; and

(c) whether any decisions have been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b) A copy of the report on "Transport Requirements of the Iron and Steel Belt" published by the National Council of Applied Economic Research has been received. No suggestions have been addressed specifically by the National