

merit is Rs. 90,55,743 and the value of another supply under negotiation is Rs. 45 lakhs. It may be mentioned that the participating firms do not always disclose their trade to officials in the Pavilion for obvious business reasons. No orders are directly booked by Government officials. Trade enquiries being received by the officers are communicated to the suppliers in India and these enquiries, some of which get concluded in contracts run into large value.

(b) All kinds of manufactured goods such as mill-made textiles, handloom textiles, khadi textiles, handicrafts, jewellery, cigarettes, soaps, etc. Besides 84 serious trade enquiries for the supply of engineering goods, 20 for mill-made cotton textiles, 10 for silk rayon, 2 for woollen textiles, 2 for khadi textiles, 13 for manufactured jute, 13 for miscellaneous manufactured goods such as plastics and plastic products, 5 for leather goods, 5 for mica, 22 for processed food such as tea, cashew, canned food, 6 for spices, 3 for manufactured tobacco, etc. are now under active negotiations between the Indian manufacturers or exporters and buyers abroad.

(c) The business firms do not usually report to Government when they finalise their business deals. Government usually gather information only from the Customs at the exporting ports wherefrom export takes place.

(d) It will depend upon the terms of each contract between the seller and the buyer. It is, therefore, difficult to give a definite time in regard to the shipment of the goods.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOSIERY YARN**

217. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hosiery manufacturers of Ludhiana have sub-  
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mitted a memorandum to Government about the distribution of yarn; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter by Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee has been constituted to review the Distribution Scheme and suggest suitable modifications to it. The report of the Committee is awaited.

#### **STEEL PLANTS IN THE FOURTH FIVE YEAR PLAN**

" SHRI G. MURAHARI: J SHRI A. D. MANI: 218- ^ SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: — SHRI N. PATRA:

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

(a) whether a final decision has been taken regarding the location of steel plants in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the sites proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) and (b) Government are at present examining the report of the Technical Committee on the Feasibility Studies on the setting up of a steel plant in the Goa-Hospet and Bailadila-Visakhapatnam regions. A final decision in the matter is expected to be taken shortly. The Detailed Project Report on the proposed Neyveli-Salem Steel Plant has also been received recently.

#### **CEMENT PLANTS AT DURGAPUR AND BHILAI**

219. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been finalised to set up cement manufacturing plants at Durgapur and Bhilai; and