

Sugar Factory at reasonable prices, it was considered desirable to have a close inter-relationship between the two factories financially and otherwise to which Andhra Government has fully agreed. All these matters have been satisfactorily finalised but the delay is due to this completely new process of using bagasse for manufacture of newsprint not having^ yet been fully proved to our satisfaction, and the firm which has invented this process has not yet ; agreed to give us necessary guarantees for the successful working of this process.

The matter is therefore pending discussions between the German firm and the Government of India.

GRANT OF LOANS AND SUBSIDIES TO LESSEES OF SALT FACTORIES FROM THE CESS FUND

*368. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans and subsidies are granted to lessees of salt factories from the Cess Fund; and

(b) if so, what is the amount disbursed to them in the year 1958 in each circle of the Salt Department?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

■(a) Loans and subsidies are granted by Government to licensees of salt factories affected by natural calamities, *e.g.* cyclone, floods, heavy rains, etc.

(b) No loans or subsidies were granted to any salt licensee during the year 1958, but an amount of Rs. 19,000 as grants and Rs. 1,23,200 as loans have been sanctioned in January, 1959, for giving assistance -to those salt licensees in Andhra

Pradesh who sustained losses due to rains and cyclones during the latter part of 1958.

CLOTH STOCKS WITH INDIAN MILLS

*370. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of cloth are lying unsold with the mills in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the actual quantity of such unsold cloth at present with them;

(c) whether it is a fact that the representatives of the All India Trade Union Congress and the Indian Mines Workers' Federation walked out of the Conference; and

(d) if so, what were the reasons for their walk-out.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO) : (a) No, Sir. The unsold stock held by the Mills *is* about one month's average production which is 2,70,000 bales.

(b) As on 7-2-59, the unsold stock with Mills were 2,83,400 bales. As compared to the figures at the end of December, 1957 when the unsold stock had reached the peak figure of 450,699 bales, there has been a substantial decline of 1,67,300 bales over these figures.

•{-TRANSFER OF SERVICE RECORDS FROM PAKISTAN TO INDIA AND VICE VERSA

*271. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of service records of the Central Government employees so far transferred to the Government of Pakistan in respect of the Pakistan

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