

Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Delhi Administration have already set up such Committees.

(b) None.

(c) Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PURCHASE OF IRON ORE BY STATE TRADING CORPORATION FOR EXPORT

*752. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the purchase policy of the State Trading Corporation regarding export of iron ore;

(b) the total quantity of iron ore exported so far and the cost realised;

(c) the details of orders placed by the State Trading Corporation with mine owners and established shippers and the bases on which these orders have been placed;

(d) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has taken delivery of not more than half of the quantity of iron ore so purchased; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) to (e). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Iron ore is purchased for overseas sales by the Corporation from the following categories of suppliers:—

(i) Established shippers and mine-owners on the basis of their average past performance;

(ii) From bigger mine-owners, Co-operatives or associations of smaller mine-owners, and experienced shippers in the case of minor

ports having regard to the grade of ore and availability of movement facilities.

(b) The total quantity of iron ore exported by the State Trading Corporation up to the end of July 1958, was 24·67 lakh tons. The value realised was approximately Rs. 13·17 crores.

(c) Of the 41·64 lakh tons for which orders have been placed in pursuance of the purchase policy stated above 15·5 lakh tons are being procured from mine-owners, and the balance from established shippers. It is not in the business interest of the Corporation to furnish further details.

(d) Out of the total purchase of 41·64 lakh tons about 26·44 lakh tons have been delivered up to 31st July 1958.

(e) The short-fall in the supply is due to railway performance falling short of estimated capacity, the suppliers having asked for extension of contracts and the overseas buyers not having lifted the cargoes as expeditiously as programmed.

SUBSIDISED INDUSTRIAL HOUSING SCHEME

*762. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state the number of houses constructed under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme in Madhya Pradesh during the First Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): 1851 houses were constructed during the First Plan period in the State of Madhya Pradesh as then constituted.

PRODUCTION OF TYPEWRITERS

*769. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the actual production of typewriters has helped curtailment of our import requirements; and