

House Committee that this re-furnishing of the bungalows was undertaken.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, whether the Government, in their own discretion, considered the desirability of renewing the furniture when the old furniture itself was sufficiently good and giving better service?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: Government is the servant of the Members of Parliament so far as this is concerned. They wanted it and we had to do it.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: What has become of the old furniture? May I know whether it is a fact that the old furniture was auctioned and the contractor took it and supplied it as new to other bungalows?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: No, Sir. Part of the old furniture is being used in bungalows of a lower type and 'we have prepared an inventory of the furniture which cannot be used, and these will be auctioned off in future. It has not yet been done.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: What is meant by the "lower type bungalows", and to whom are they given out?

SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA: There are various types of bungalows. For instance, very senior officers have one type of bungalows.

EXPORT OF IRON ORE BY STATE TRADING CORPORATION

*474. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the prices and quantities of various grades of iron ore exported to various countries through the State Trading Corporation so far since its inception?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA) : A statement show-

ing the exports of Iron Ore made by the State Trading Corporation from its inception (July 1956) upto 30th November 1957 to various countries is laid on the Table of the House. The prices vary from grade to grade and contract to contract.

STATEMENT

Export of iron ore made by State Trading Corporation

Country	Grade	From 1st July 1956 to 30th November 1957
	%	Tons Per cent
Italy	65	102,090
Czechoslovakia	65/63	239,666
Yugoslavia	65	50,833
Poland	63	108,535
Hungary	65	15,063
Do.	65/63	7,480
Japan	65/63	158,103
Do.	65/62	464,674
Do.	62/60	63,625
Do.	60/58	997
Holland	65	9,500
East Germany	65/63	11,706
TOTAL		12,32,272

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: The statement shows that only high grade ores have been exported. May I know, Sir, what steps the Government have taken to export low grade ore?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The hon. Member will see from the statement that some ores are of 65 per cent grade while others are of 58 per cent. grade. 58 per cent, grade is considered a low grade.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: It is only item. I do not know why the Government has not exported any low grade ore when compared to the high grade ore?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Contracts have entered into recently with

Japan for supply of low grade ores and those supplies will be made in the succeeding months.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation is not able to supply to the buyers the ores required by the other countries?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The limitation is the transport and the handling capacity at ports. It has been estimated that about 2-5 million tons can be the maximum supplies that we can handle at present. From July this year to June next year it is expected that this target will be reached.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Is it a fact that some ships which actually arrived at the ports to take the ores were not able to take them because of the short supply of ores?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: That is not so. It is always the handling capacity at the port which is the limiting factor.

DR. R. B. GOUR: In view of the fact that the foreign importers like England and Japan can import iron ore of low iron content, whereas we will be needing in our country a high iron content ore, is the Government considering to place some restriction as to the grade of the ore that is to be exported and that particularly high grade ore should not be exported.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Our supply of high grade ore is inexhaustible and, therefore, there is no necessity for putting any ban on it.

DR. R. B. GOUR: It is inexhaustible now, but when we are going to erect the plants very soon it will not be inexhaustible.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: I may refer the hon. Member to the various reports of the Geological Survey of India.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, what is the quota which the State Trading Corporation is given in comparison with the quota given to the mine owners?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: As far as iron ore is concerned, the State Trading Corporation has taken the monopoly of export.

श्री राम सहाय: क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह जो लोहा एक्जिट किया गया था यह कहाँ कहाँ से, और किन किन प्रदेशों को वह एक्सपोर्ट किया गया ?

श्री एन० कानूनगो : इसकी लम्बी फेहरिस्त है । अलग से इसके लिये सवाल रखेंगे तो जवाब दिया जायेगा ।

MANUFACTURE OF STORAGE BATTERIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

"475. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of indigenous manufacturers of storage batteries for motor vehicles; ; and

(b) the number of manufacturers to whom the Indian Standards Institution has granted licences for the use of their standard certification mark?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) About 113, including 13 units in the large scale sector.

(b) Two and two more are under consideration.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Are Government taking steps to see that more and more manufacturers of storage batteries apply for and obtain licences for the use of the standard certification mark of the Indian Standards Institution?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: That is why the Indian Standards Institution has specified the certification mark.