

district is only about 1,600. I am not in a position to give the information but the work of evaluation, as far as I know is also being done in Simla.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Out of this 1,600 houses in Simla, how many are allotted on a rental basis?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Nearly all of them, I should think. In Simla the number of houses is only 310. The total number in the district is 1,600. All these houses are allotted on rent, unless there is any particular house about which I have no knowledge.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF STEEL FROM YUGOSLAVIA

*159. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations have taken place between the Government of India and the Government of Yugoslavia for the purchase of steel from that country; and

(b) if so, at what stage these negotiations are at present?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). No direct negotiations have taken place with the Government of Yugoslavia but we are discussing with the representatives of the Yugoslav Steel Mills. Discussions are still going on and no final decisions have been taken.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: May I know if it is a fact that three representatives of an Yugoslavian Steel Company visited India some time before the middle of October this year in this connection?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Yes, Sir.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Is it also a fact that the State Trading Corporation has negotiated for the purchase of nearly 50,000 tons of steel from Yugoslavia and if so, at what prices, I would like to know.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No. Negotiations so far concluded are with respect only to 8,000 tons of plates and new negotiations for further steel are still under consideration.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether the Government have in view the purchase of other kinds of steel than the steel plates that they are now purchasing?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Yes, for rods, bars, tie rods, steel categorise angles, joists, girders etc., etc.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: What is the amount that they intend normally to purchase?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: We intend to purchase during this year 1-8 million tons and a like amount or quantity perhaps in the next year.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know at what price it has been or is likely to be purchased as compared to the Indian prices?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The average price at which we purchase is Rs. 150 to Rs. 200 per ton more than the Indian price.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKER-JI : Is the quality of Yugoslavian steel better than the quality of indigenous steel produced here?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: There is nothing better. They are all of comparable qualities.

*160. [For answer vide cols. 1292-93 infra.]

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*१६१. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या प्रधान मंत्री १३ अगस्त, १९५६ को राज्य सभा में तारंकित प्रश्न संख्या २१४ के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या उसके बाद १९५० की भारत-नेपाल व्यापार-वाणिज्य संधि में संशोधन के लिये नेपाल सरकार ने भारत सरकार के समक्ष कोई औपचारिक प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है और यदि किया है तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही हो रही है ?