

utilisation direct. The same will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

DR. R. P. DUBE: The question relates to the year 1950-51 and we are in 1955. I want to know the conditions on which these grants are given and the reason for the delay.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Most of the grants are given on the condition that an equal amount or a certain proportion of it is met from the resources of the State Governments. There are procedural difficulties and also difficulties of setting up the installation, buildings and all these things.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Four years have gone by. Are not the various State Governments asked to give progress reports every year in respect of the grants made to them?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The Central Government and the Boards constantly ask for reports but the sending of the reports is the responsibility of the State Governments.

DR. R. P. DUBE: I think, Sir, that when these people do not give the progress report, they should not be granted further sums.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: If Parliament directs to that effect, that will be done.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a suggestion for action.

REQUIREMENT AND IMPORT OF P.V.C. INSULATED CABLES

*821. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual requirement of P.V.C. insulated cables and flexibles in the country; and

(b) how much of it was imported in each year from 1952 onwards?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI

N. KANUNGO): (a) The demand for such cables is estimated to be 8.8 million yards a year.

(b) Import figures for this item were not separately recorded prior to April 1954. Imports from April to January 1955 were nearly 3.5 million yards.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether there are any Indian firms in India that are manufacturing these flexible cables?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir; there are three firms.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the Indian output?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: In 1954, it was 4,595,384 yards.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: This is the actual production; may I know the installed capacity?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: 11.84 million yards.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is it that is in the way of manufacture of the full capacity? The installed capacity is about 11 million yards whereas our demand is only 8 million yards.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: There are several varieties of cables and manufacturers do not have demand for all the various varieties and sometimes they do not find it economic to produce them.

CEMENT COMPANY AT MACHERLA

*822. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra had recommended that the licence required for establishing a cement factory at Mecherla for Nandikonda project may be given to a private firm; and