

(iii) Total quantity and value of steel plates supplied from indigenous production since 1-3-1952

7,443.33 tons
and
Rs. 33,89,261-6-0

(c) Steel plates have been imported from Japan only since March 1952. Information is not available about the period before 1st March 1952.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: May I know whether the Government have any scheme to wipe out this deficit in the production of iron and steel plates?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: By putting up more and more steel plants.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Is it a fact that the Government can wipe out this deficit from the Rourkela Steel Plant?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: We hope to do so.

INDO-GERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*229. SHRI H. C. MATHUR (ON BEHALF OF SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to set up an Indo-German Chamber of Commerce?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): No, Sir. Not so far as Government is concerned.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Have the Government been approached in this matter?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: We have certain information. Some industrialists and commercial people in Germany had mooted the idea of having a combined effort in this matter, but Government are not concerned in it.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is it not a fact that certain prominent industrialists in Bombay have already organised some set-up in this connection?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Indo-German?

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: An organisation to bring about this Indo-German Chamber of Commerce.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am not aware, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

EXPORT QUOTAS FOR GROUNDNUT OILCAKE

*206. SHRI NARAYANDAS DAGA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether special quotas for the export of groundnut oilcake have been given to certain firms;

(b) if so, what are the names of those firms;

(c) the quantity of this oilcake that is allowed to be exported; and

(d) the conditions subject to which the export is allowed?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) No, Sir. No quotas as such were granted to any firm for trading on their own account.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

INDIANS KILLED IN KUALA LUMPUR

*219. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently in Kuala Lumpur three Indians were killed; and, if so, who were they; and

(b) whether Government have received any official account of their activities in Malaya?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.