

drastic cut in the foreign exchange allocation for import of wool and wool tops. In addition, the price of raw wool has also registered some increase.

(c) To enable the consumers to obtain supplies of woollen items at reasonable prices, arrangements have been made for the supply of woollen fabrics and knitting wool to consumer co-operative stores and fair-price shops approved by State Governments. Under this arrangement, the woollen industry has agreed to earmark Rs. 25 lacs worth of woollen fabrics and Rs. 5 lacs worth of knitting wool to the consumer co-operative stores and fair price shops. Besides, the industry is also being encouraged to utilise larger quantities of indigenous wool with a view to increasing overall production of woollen goods.

Aluminium Project at Korba

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Shri R. S. Tiwary:
Shri J. P. Jyotishi:
Shri Ulkey:
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Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up an integrated aluminium plant in Korba (Madhya Pradesh) with Hungarian collaboration has been finalised;

(b) whether a preliminary report has been submitted by the Hungarian team; and

(c) if so, the salient features of the report?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The setting up of an integrated aluminium plant at Korba (M.P.) has been under consideration for some time. The intention is that technical collaboration with the Hungarians should be availed of for the implementation of the project upto the alumina stage with an installed capacity of 1,20,000 tonnes per annum of alumina. As a first step, the Hungarians have been commissioned to submit a detailed project report for the alumina plant. The contract for this purpose was signed on 17th November, 1964. Possibilities of securing technical collaboration for the setting up of an aluminium smelter and fabrication facilities are being explored.

(b) and (c). No. According to the terms of the contract the Hungarians will submit a detailed project report containing a reliable economic assessment of the project within 10 months from the coming into force of the contract, and the final project report within 18 months of the coming into force of the contract.

Steel Plant with Salem Ore

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Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken on the setting up of a steel plant based on Salem iron ore and Neyveli lignite; and

(b) if so, the particulars regarding location, capacity and capital outlay of the project?