

country by 2 million to 3 million tons. Therefore, in the Second Plan we have targeted for a rated capacity of 16 million tons and production of 14 million tons.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether it has been finally decided to allocate a cement factory for Orissa in the Second Plan?

Shri Mannbhai Shah: The allocation, as I have explained to this hon. House several times, is not done on an ad hoc basis or Statewise. If there are limestone deposits which can be properly utilized, and if parties are coming forward, we give licences to those factories. As the House is aware, we have already licenced 55 units and they are going into production during the Second Plan.

Shri K. N. Pandey: May I know whether the Churk Cement Factory is also amongst those whose capacity is being extended?

Shri Mannbhai Shah: Yes, it is being doubled. In course of time, we hope to bring it to 3,000 tons per day.

Export Promotion Council for Films

*1683. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 833 on the 5th December, 1957 and state whether a final decision has since been taken regarding the proposal to set up an Export Promotion Council for films?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): The question of setting up of an Export Promotion Council for Indian films is under examination by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and this Ministry.

Shri Ram Krishan: In view of the fact that Indian films are very popular outside India, will the Government decide to set up this Council soon?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): The Government is desirous of helping the film industry, as any other industry, to increase its export outside. The question of the setting up of the Export Promotion Council has one or two small difficulties, because in the formation of such a Council the general rule is that the industry contributes something. And the point under discussion is whether it is possible for the industry also to participate financially in the setting up of the Council.

Shri Ram Krishan: What is the position of export of films to Pakistan at present?

Mr. Speaker: Details do not arise out of this question. This relates to the Export Promotion Council—how far exports have been made to various countries.

Dr. Keskar: Approximately, about 99 films have been exported to Pakistan.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: Who are the members of this Council?

Dr. Keskar: The very principle as to whether there should be a Council and what should be its nature are under examination.

Export of Indian Tussar Silk

*1686. { **Shri Ragnath Singh:**
Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement for the export of Indian tussar silk to America has been signed between the U.S.A. and India; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of agreement?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Mannbhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the agreement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 92].