

Newsprint Plant

*41. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 183 on the 28th July, 1955 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the Punjab Government's proposal for the setting up of a newsprint plant in that State; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). The Punjab Government's Scheme was discussed in the Planning Commission with the State Government representatives and it is understood that the Commission has not decided to include it in the Second Five Year Plan as a scheme to be taken up by the State Government.

Steel Plant

*42. **Shri Siddanajappa :** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Czechoslovakia has made an offer to the Government of India to set up a steel plant in India on a long-term credit basis:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) at what stage is the proposal?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Indo-U. S. Treaty of Friendship and Establishment

*43. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 416 on the 2nd March, 1955 and state the progress made so far with regard to the resumption of negotiations with the Representatives of the U. S. Government for a Treaty of Friendship and Establishment?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): Some talks were held in June, 1955. There are no immediate prospects for the conclusion of the Treaty.

Steel Plant for Bihar

*44. **Shri Bogawat:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar Government have submitted a memorandum to the Union Government for the location of a steel plant in Bihar;

(b) whether the Union Government have accepted the proposal; and

(c) if so, the location and the estimated cost of the plant?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir, in connection with the location of the Third Steel Plant.

(b) and (c). The Third Steel Plant will be located at Durgapur in West Bengal, but it is proposed to develop the Bokaro area as a possible location for another steel plant in the future.

Trade with Japan

*45. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of India's export trade with Japan during 1955 so far;

(b) how it compares with the last 2 years' export trade; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the trade with Japan is decreasing; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). India's exports to Japan during the period January-September 1955 were valued at Rs. 16,80 lakhs. The figures for the corresponding period of 1954 and 1953 were Rs. 10,75 lakhs and Rs. 20,33 lakhs respectively.

(d) On account of balance of payments difficulties, Japan has been following a restrictive import policy.

Typewriters

I. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafiq: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typewriters manufactured in India since the 1st July, 1955;

(b) the cost price and the sale price per typewriter;

(c) whether all the parts of a typewriter are produced in India or some of them are still imported; and

(d) if these are still imported, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) 1576 upto September, 1955.

(b) It is understood that the selling price of the Godrej Typewriter is Rs. 630/-