

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. One million tons during 1956 to 1958.

EXPENDITURE ON FIRST FIVE
YEAR PLAN

***333. Shri S. C. Singhal:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the revised estimated expenditure on the First Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount which will be met from general revenues of the Central and State Governments; and

(c) the total amount which will be met by (i) loans, (ii) foreign aid and (iii) deficit financing?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Rs. 2120 crores. This includes actuals for the first three years, revised estimates for 1954-55 and budget estimates for 1955-56;

(b) Rs. 626 crores, including Rs. 490 crores from current revenues, Rs. 116 crores from railways and Rs. 20 crores from miscellaneous capital receipts;

(c) (i) Rs. 487 crores, including Rs. 203 crores for loans from the public and Rs. 284 crores for small savings and unfunded debt;

(ii) Rs. 230 crores;

(iii) Rs. 777 crores. This deficit is to be covered by increase in floating debt, sale of securities and withdrawal from cash balances.

FOUNDRY TECHNOLOGY

***335. Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a certain number of students have been selected and sent to the United Kingdom for specialised training in foundry technology at the Wolverhampton Municipal College in Staffordshire; and

(b) if so, their number and the period of their training?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir. The persons sent are not, however, students, but technicians already employed in the line.

(b) Number—6.

Period of training:

10 months in the case of five and about 2 years in the case of one.

SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

***340. Shri Punnoose:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a regional conference of representatives of the State Governments who are directly concerned with the implementation of schemes relating to small-scale and handloom industries, was held in Bombay in January 1956; and

(b) if so, the nature of decisions taken at this conference?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conference was convened mainly to review the progress made by the State Governments in the field of handloom and small-scale industries. The need for quickening the pace of progress was impressed on the State Governments at the meeting.

SALEM STEEL PLANT

***341. Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state whether a scheme for putting up a low-shaft furnace in Salem in connection with the iron and steel plant to be set up there has taken shape?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo): No, Sir. Not yet.

SILK INDUSTRY

***342. Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations are received from the representatives of silk industry in Mysore seeking protection for the industry; and

(b) if so, the action taken?