

(b) The oil will be imported directly by the manufacturers of Vanaspathi as soon as possible.

Paper Industry

411. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 797 on the 29th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have examined the demand of the paper industry for an upward revision of the prices of its products; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Mishra): (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

Metal Import Licences

412. { Shri Bibuti Mishra :
Shri K. N. Tiwary :

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the issue of metal import licences to importers resulting in considerable losses in the industries requiring the metals; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Almost all the licences to Established Importers and Actual Users for the import of metals have been issued within a month of the receipt of applications. In a few cases where applications were found to be incomplete requiring certain clarifications from the importers, licences were issued as soon as the details were received from the applicants.

Tea Industry

413. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed an expert committee for the development and gauging the financial aspect of the tea industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that no representation to the non-official tea interests of the North-West area consisting of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab has been given on it; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bhilai Steel Plant

414. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of two million tons of production in the Bhilai Steel Plant will be maintained by the end of the current financial year; and

(b) what will be the progress in detail section-wise in this Plant by the end of 1964-65 as compared to 1963-64?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The production target of 1.278 million tonnes of steel ingots and not 2 million tonnes is planned during the current financial year.

(b) A comparative statement is given below:

Products	Actual Production during 1963-64.	Estimated production planned for 1964-65
1. Pig Iron (Total)	1.296	1.375
2. Steel Ingots	1.143	1.278
3. Billets for sale	0.218	0.375
4. Rails & Structural	0.386	0.400
5. Merchant Sections	0.282	0.284