

(b) how many of them were taken from services like I. C. S., I. A. S. and P. C. S. etc.,

(c) the number among these who were retired from military and other services; and

(d) the number who belonged to public life before their appointment?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (d). A statement is attached. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 43.]

RICE EXPORT TO PAKISTAN

862. Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice exported to Pakistan in the year 1955-56;

(b) the cost per ton at which it was exported (in Indian Rupees); and

(c) the ports and States from which it was exported?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) to (c). As far as information is available there was no commercial export of rice to Pakistan during the first eleven months of 1955-56. Information for the month of March, 1956 is not yet available.

STEEL PLANT FOR ANDHRA

863. Dr. Rama Rao: Will the Min-

ister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Government have requested the Central Government to establish a Steel fabricating factory in Andhra;

(b) what is the estimated cost of such a plant; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost will depend upon the capacity to be set up.

(c) No final decision has been taken on the Andhra Government's request, but for the present it is the intention to locate steel fabrication units as adjuncts to the steel plants which are being set up by the Government.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING PRESSES

864. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state names of the Government Printing Presses, strength of establishment and average output with expansion made every year since 1952?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar): A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 44.]