

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY):
(a) to (c). The collaboration has been agreed to in principle and the details are being discussed.

- (d) No, Sir.
(e) Does not arise.

REPORT OF THACKER COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL LICENSING

1805. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the M. S. Thacker Committee on Industrial Licensing has submitted its report; and
(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Thacker Committee was constituted on the 22nd July, 1967 and is expected to submit its report to Government within six months of its constitution.

CORPORATION FOR SICK TEXTILE MILLS

1806. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :**
SHRI P. RAMAMURTI ;
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN ;
SHRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) what further steps have been taken to form a Corporation for sick textile mills ;
(b) whether a final decision has been taken; and
(c) if not, the reason for this delay ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c). The matter is still under consideration.

WORKING OF N.C.D.C. MINES

1807. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :**
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any further enquiry has been made by a team of scientists into the working of the N.C.D.C. mines;

(b) if so, the improvements suggested by them ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to these suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c). No team of scientists has been appointed by Government to enquire into the working of N.C.D.C. mines. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri G. R. Kamat is, however, reviewing the working of the National Coal Development Corporation. The Committee has a mining engineer on it. Resolution constituting the Committee was laid on the Table of the House on 26-7-67. The Committee is expected to report to the Government by the end of January, 1968.

TOURS ABROAD BY THE OFFICERS OF S.T.C.

1808. **SHRI RAM CHARAN :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the amount of expenditure incurred during the period from 1st April, 1965 to 31st August, 1967 on the tours abroad by the Officers of the State Trading Corporation and the amount of foreign exchange involved therein ; and
(b) the amount of such expenditure incurred during the aforesaid period on tours to foreign countries by the Chairman of the State Trading Corporation, ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) and (b). The information asked for is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

PAYMENT MADE BY C. C. I. & E. TO MESSRS INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF MACHINES

1809. **SHRI RAM CHARAN :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government purchased certain machines for M. T. Unit of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports from M/s. International Bureau of Machines ;
(b) if so, how much has been paid to M/s. International Bureau of Machines in Indian currency and how much in foreign exchange; and