

Production of Iron in Orissa

2271. { Shri Ram Chandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of iron in Orissa has considerably gone down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramanian):

(a) to (c). On the assumption that the Honorable Members' question refers to the production of pig iron in Orissa, the facts are that in Orissa there is only one unit at Barbil which is producing pig iron through low shaft furnace. This was formerly owned by Kalinga Industries Ltd., Calcutta and has since been taken over by the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd., Bhubaneswar (an Orissa Government Undertaking). The production of pig iron by this unit during 1961-62 was 29,584 tonnes and during 1962-63, twenty eight thousand to hundred and twenty four tonnes. There has been a marginal short fall of 1,360 tonnes during 1962-63 which has been ascribed mainly to power failures. Corrective action has been taken by the Orissa Government for ensuring proper power supply to the plant.

रूस के लिये भारतीय सिगरेट

२२७२. श्री श्रीकारलाल बेरवा : क्या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में मास्को में हुई प्रदर्शनी में दिखाये गये भारतीय सिगरेट रूस में बहुत पसन्द किए गए ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सब से अधिक पसन्द किए गए सिगरेटों के नाम क्या हैं ; और

(ग) क्या रूस को सिगरेटों का निर्यात करने की कोई प्रस्थापना है और यदि हाँ, तो उन की संख्या क्या है ?

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) जहाँ तक पता लगा है सभी प्रकार की भारतीय सिगरेटों को पसन्द किया गया था ।

(ग) आरम्भ में २७० लाख भारतीय सिगरेटों का रूस को निर्यात करने का आर्डर मिला है ।

Corrugated Iron Sheets for Jammu and Kashmir

2273. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the paucity of corrugated iron sheets in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to make supplies of the said corrugated iron sheets available at as early a date as possible before the approaching winter?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramanian):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the demand for this category has been on the increase, indigenous production has remained more or less static, with the result that the Producers have accumulated a large backlog of orders. No allotment of G. C. sheets has therefore been made from 1-4-62 but a schedule of despatches (monthly) against outstanding orders was introduced from July 1962. The intention was to divert current production for liquidating outstandings. With the declaration of emergency and the need for meeting a large demand for Defence, the scheme of despatches had to be suspended. From July, 1963, onwards the scheme has been partially re-introduced and