

(b) how much of this requirement is met by indigenous production;

(c) the total amount spent for the import of newsprint in the last three years;

(d) whether Government have worked out any plan to make the country self-sufficient in the production of newsprint; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED):** (a) About 1,70,000 tonnes. This is expected to rise every year and requirements for 1969-70 are placed at 2 lakh tonnes.

(b) About 30,000 tonnes of newsprint and 20,000 tonnes of white Printing Paper.

(Rs. crores)

(c)	
1965-66	6.18
1966-67	11.78
1967-68	9.44

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Two projects—One in Public sector and one in private sector with a total capacity of 135,000 tonnes are expected to be taken up for implementation during the IV Plan period. Besides, the capacity of the existing newsprint mill, viz Nepamills, is being expanded from 30,000 to 75,000 tonnes per annum and this expansion is expected to be fully implemented during 1969-70.

#### **Durgapur Steel Plant**

**434. SHRI D. N. DEB:**  
**SHRI P. K. AMIN:**

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of senior officers of the Durgapur Steel Plant are being sent to the United Kingdom to purchase spares for the plant;

(b) whether due to want of these spares some units of the Durgapur Steel Plant are lying idle or are not

working at the rated capacity for years together;

(c) whether the plant authorities are sending these officers without the prior permission of the Hindustan Steel Limited; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI RAM SEWAK):** (a) to (d). A proposal to send out a Team of officers drawn from Hindustan Steel Ltd. Headquarters and Durgapur Steel Plant for expeditious negotiations to acquire spares for the Plant is under Hindustan Steel Ltd.'s consideration. The spare parts in question are reported to be required urgently to provide for better maintenance and production to optimum capacity.

#### **Report on Khadi and Village Industries Commission**

**435. SHRI D. N. DEB:**  
**SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA:**  
**SHRI H. AJMAL KHAN:**  
**SHRI K. HALDAR:**  
**SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH SHASTRI:**  
**SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:**  
**SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asoka Mehta Committee on the reorganisation of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has already submitted its report;

(b) whether the Committee has suggested *inter alia* that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission be reorganised *inter alia* that the Khadi and Commission;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether the recommendations made by the Asoka Mehta Committee