

(b) whether Government have held detailed talks on any project with the leader of delegation; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). A delegation of Polish Scientists visited India in March-April, 1967 for exploring possibilities of collaboration between India and Poland in the areas of science, technology and industry. Collaboration in the field of machine tools and machinery did not figure in the discussions between the Polish delegation and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Presumably, the reference is to the Polish Machine Tool delegation which visited India during January-February, 1967. The delegation visited Machine tool manufacturing units in the country, viz. machine tool units of Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pinjore. Praga tools Ltd., Hyderabad, Mysore Kirloskar Limited, Harihar (Mysore) and the Central Machine Tool Institute, Bangalore besides other units in the private sector. The report of the Polish Machine Tool delegation is awaited. However, there were no talks with this delegation for setting up any Machine tool factory with Polish collaboration. Although there is very little scope for a new machine tool project, possibilities of developing facilities of design and drawing for heavy machine tools with Polish collaboration, as an expansion of the Central Machine Tool Institute, Bangalore are being explored.

Loans against Cotton Stocks covered by Permits

*551. Shri B. K. Modak:
Shri Ganesh Ghosh:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Bhagaban Das:
Shri Mohammad Ismail:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank has given a directive to the commercial

banks to advance loans only against cotton stocks covered by permits for the purchased movement issued by the Textile Commissioner;

(b) the total stocks covered by the permits;

(c) whether it was estimated that mills had in April stocks of about 10 lakh bales which were not covered by the permits; and

(d) if so, the steps taken against the mill owners?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the period 1-9-66 to 28-5-67 movement permits have been issued for about thirty lakh bales.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Imports and Exports

*552. Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme whereby imports would be linked with exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when a decision would be arrived at?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Aluminium Industry at Korba

*553. Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri Ram Singh Ayyarwal:
Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:
Shri Nathu Ram Ahirwar:
Shrimati Agam Das Gura
Minimata:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in respect of establishment of Alumi-