

SETTING UP A JUTE MILL IN ORISSA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up a Jute Mill in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quality and quantity of jute produced in Orissa is sufficient for more than one jute mill; and

(c) if so, the reasons for rejecting the claim put forward by the Government of Orissa in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
(SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c).

The Orissa Government had put forward a proposal in December, 1965, for the establishment in the State of a co-operative jute mill, with a capacity of 600 looms. Orissa State produces about 3 to 4 lakh bales of jute and mesta. After a detailed consideration of the present capacity in the jute industry and the agreed targets for the Fourth Plan, Government came to the conclusion that the establishment of new composite mills which would involve substantial investment at current prices was not desirable at this stage. In the circumstances, it was not considered prudent to establish new mills particularly out of public funds. The Orissa Government was informed of this decision and advised to drop the proposal for the establishment of a Co-operative jute mill in the State. The State Government has not renewed the proposal.

HEAVY ELECTRICAL PLANT AT HARDWAR

*581. SHRI HIMATSINGKA :
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 12-man delegation led by the Soviet Deputy Minister for Electrical

Industry visited the Heavy Electrical Plant at Hardwar for studying measures to expedite completion of the plant;

(b) if so, the steps which have been suggested by the team for expeditious completion of the project; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir; a team of 13 Soviet experts led by the Soviet Deputy Minister for Electrical Industry visited the Heavy Electrical Equipment Plant at Hardwar, to examine its production problems and to discuss rationalisation of production in the various Heavy Electrical plants. The report of the team is awaited.

MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR PARTS

*582. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the growing use of motor vehicles in different States, any proposal is under examination to put up plants for manufacturing motor parts in different States in the Public and Private sectors; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accord facilities if any State proposes to set up any such manufacturing unit ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :

(a) There is no proposal under consideration to set up additional plants in this field.

(b) Does not arise.

M/s. BHARAT BARREL COMPANY

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

(a) whether black-listing in case of M/s. Bharat Barrel Company Ltd. has since been withdrawn;

(b) whether this is due to the decision of the High Court; and

(c) if so, whether this firm has been asked to avoid recurrence of such irregularities ?