

हूँ कि बीपी योजना के दौरान में उत्तर प्रदेश के बारे में मन्त्री महोदय ने कोई कल्पना की है, यदि हाँ, तो उस कल्पना में उत्तर प्रदेश की रूपरेखा क्या होगी ?

**श्री फखरुद्दीन खली अहमद :** मैंने इस बात का जवाब दे दिया है कि जितनी नई इण्डस्ट्रीज फोर्थ प्लान में लगने वाली हैं और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स की जो प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं, उन सब को प्लानिंग कमीशन प्रासेस कर रहा है और जिस वक्त प्लान डिस्काइड होगा उस वक्त कौन-कौन सी इण्डस्ट्रीज कहाँ-कहाँ लगे, इसका भी फैसला हो जाएगा ।

**श्री स० मो० बनर्जी :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपका संरक्षण चाहता हूँ। हम लोग यह सवाल पिछले दस सालों से करते रहे हैं और अगर जिंदा रहे, तो आगे भी करते रहेंगे। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार के पास उत्तर प्रदेश के सम्बन्ध में पंच-वर्षीय योजना की कोई कल्पना है या नहीं।

**श्री फखरुद्दीन खली अहमद :** प्रोजेक्ट्स वगैरह सब प्लानिंग कमीशन के पास हैं।

**SHRI RAMESHWAR RAO :** Will the hon. Minister tell us as to which part of India is not backward.

**श्री शिव चरण लाल :** मन्त्री महोदय ने बताया है कि उत्तर प्रदेश का स्थान पाँचवें नम्बर पर है। जहाँ जक मैं समझता हूँ, पिछली तीन पंच-वर्षीय योजनाओं की अवधि में देश के प्रधान मन्त्री उत्तर प्रदेश के रहे हैं, जिसके कारण उत्तर प्रदेश की कोई तरक्की नहीं हो सकी है। उत्तर प्रदेश का हित इसी में है कि सरकारी पार्टी अपनी मीटिंग बुला कर उत्तर प्रदेश से आने वाले प्रधान मन्त्री को हटा दे और उनके स्थान पर किसी दूसरे प्रांत का व्यक्ति प्रधान मन्त्री हो। उसी स्थिति में उत्तर प्रदेश की तरक्की हो सकती है। मन्त्री महोदय इस बात से सहमत होंगे कि भागरा और ताज महल को देखने के लिए विदेशों तक

से लोग आते हैं। लेकिन वह इलाका बहुत पिछड़ा हुआ है। इसलिए क्या मन्त्री महोदय भागरा में कार या स्कूटर का कारखाना भ्रमण अन्य उद्योग खोलने की व्यवस्था करेंगे, ताकि वहाँ के गरीब लोगों को रोजी रोटी मिल सके।

**श्री फखरुद्दीन खली अहमद :** मैं समझता हूँ कि जो उत्तर प्रदेश से प्रधान मन्त्री हुए हैं, उन्होंने यह कबिले-तारीफ काम किया है कि उन्होंने सिर्फ उत्तर प्रदेश का ख्याल नहीं किया है, बल्कि सारे हिंदुस्तान का ख्याल किया है। हाँ, उत्तर प्रदेश की तरक्की के लिये पहले भी कोशिश की जाती रही है और आगे भी की जाती रहेगी। (ध्यवधान)

#### Central Industrial Projects

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission has lately reviewed the progress made in the Central Industrial projects under construction or expansion and has estimated that an additional investment of Rs. 1,500 crores was needed to complete these projects ;

(b) if so, the project-wise break-up of the additional expenditure needed ; and

(c) the reasons for this increase in the cost ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHANU PRAKASH SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The required information has been given in the statement placed on the Table of the House by the Prime Minister on the 13th November 1968 in reply to Starred Question No. 61.

(c) The additional investment of Rs. 1,500 crores represents the further expendi-

ture required to complete the projects in question. This does not necessarily mean that there has been an increase in the costs of the various projects.

**SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :** For the last three years the Fourth Plan has been on the anvil. It looks as if a caesarian operation will be required to deliver this most coveted child. During the last three years, we have encountered two main difficulties. One is wasteful expenditure in various projects incurred by the vegetating and wasteful administration. The other is faulty planning. Because of political pressure, because of various other types of manoeuvres the Central industrial projects have been located in certain areas with the result that some States had suffered considerably.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Please come to the question.

**SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :** I am coming to the question. I would like to ask the hon. Minister for Industrial Development what steps his Ministry has so far initiated and implemented (a) to reduce expenditure in Central industrial projects. Some time back we were told that before the construction of Bokaro steel plant began, a swimming pool for the officers was built. I would like to know whether the Government will look into the matter and say what steps they have taken to avoid wasteful expenditure; (b) what steps they propose to take to eradicate regional imbalance because if more money is expended in extending the present industrial projects, that leads us to the inevitable conclusion that other States are not going to have industrial projects.

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** So far as the first question is concerned we are looking into this question and a decision would be taken by us that so far as unproductive expenditure is concerned, it should be avoided and, if necessary, in certain circumstances it should be postponed till expenditure on productive item; is incurred to which we shall give priority.

So far as the question of regional imbalance is concerned, this question, as I

have already replied, is being examined by us, that apart from the techno-economic necessity to what extent we can remove the regional imbalance among the various States in our country. That will be our endeavour in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

**SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :** As I pointed out, I come from a States where development of any major industry has not yet taken place. A number of industries are located there; for example, the Phytochemical industry in Neriampalam. My information is that it is going to be discontinued; it is already dropped. Then there is the question of the project of the Precision Instruments Factory at Palghat in Kerala State. For this project, the State Government has spent Rs. 26 lakhs for acquisition of land and for giving compensation. Now, nothing is definite about the project. We are a poor State, and from our depleted finances, we have spent Rs. 26 lakhs which should have gone to our people. I would, therefore, like to know whether this project is included in the planning and construction of development and expansion of projects which have not been completed during the third Five Year Plan.

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** I have repeatedly pointed out that so far as the instruments project at Palghat is concerned, it has not been dropped; but it has been postponed and for very good reasons: a portion of the material out of the Kota project has already gone into production and most part of it will go into production next year; unless and until it is consumed it will be very uneconomical for us to set up another plant immediately when there is no internal market and when it is not possible even to export it also. I have taken up this matter with various authorities outside, whether it will be possible for them to take an extra quantity if we go in for the Palghat project. I have not till now received a satisfactory reply. Until that is done, it will not be possible for us to go for a similar project, when the production from one project is more than sufficient according to the present plan.

**MR. SPEAKER :** We are asking about separate industries, but the question is an all-comprehensive one. Shri Goyal,

**SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :** You will permit me to give a little background.

**MR. SPEAKER :** That is exactly my difficulty, and whether I permit it or not, it is going to be asked like that !

**SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL :** The Auditor-General's report makes a very revealing disclosure that the return from the money invested in these public sector undertakings has been deteriorating. From 3.6 per cent in 1964-65, it came down to 2.6 per cent in 1965-66, and to 1.5 per cent in 1966-67. Similarly, the Hindustan Steel has lost Rs. 20 crores in 1966-67 and Rs. 40 crores in the year 1967-68. I want to know, in view of these poor returns, why do you have a fad for these public sector undertakings ?

Secondly, the team of the Labour Commission which went through this question of non-utilisation of installed capacity has come to the conclusion that so far as the heavy engineering industries are concerned, the unutilised installed capacity has gone up from 50 per cent to 90 per cent. Similar is the position in so many other industries. I want to know what you are going to do to utilise this unused installed capacity.

Thirdly, there are some projects which are not giving you good returns while others are giving you better returns. Why do you allocate funds to those industries which are not giving you proper returns, and are you not going to rationalise this question of allocation ?

Fourthly, in the Heavy Electricals at Bhopal, the transformers and switch-gears are not being fully utilised, and so, what are you going to do with regard to it.

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** These are some of the basic questions which have been raised by my hon. friend, but I entirely disagree with that these public undertakings have been taken up by us because they are a fad with us.

I think they are serving a very good purpose. It is not only the question of profit which is to be taken into consideration, but we must take into consideration to what extent they have been able to bring about import substitution and to what

extent they have made us less dependent on foreign aid through import promotion.

Why are the public undertakings losing ? There are several reasons. It was expected that the production from these units will go into the development programme of the country, but for the last three years, the development programme has been more or less at a stand-still, with the result that the demand for these things is not there and most of these public undertakings' capacity is under-utilised. Secondly, they are not only serving the purpose of manufacturing items, but also rendering social service. (Interruptions) by taking up various social welfare activities in those areas. If my hon. friends are blind to these things, I cannot give them light. These things have to be considered in the over-all context and I am hopeful that the public undertakings will bring better results.

**MR. SPEAKER :** In a supplementary, policy decisions should not be asked. Every supplementary takes such a long time due to prefacing and the Minister also has to answer policy matters. May I request hon. Members to avoid prefacing and put only the question ?

**SHRI RANGA :** The minister also should not sing songs in praise of themselves.

**MR. SPEAKER :** They will have to sing themselves. Who else will sing ? You would not do it.

**SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :** You are correct. If they do not sing, who else will sing their praise ?

**SHRI K. TAPURIAH :** If they continue singing their own songs, I think they will be soon singing their swan song. It is not a question of social service. In spite of an investment of Rs. 2,000 crores, only 5 lakh people have been given employment. If what the Minister has said, reflects the thinking of the Government about losses and inefficiency, I am sure this will not be the last time they have come for additional funds. They will be coming much more often. There is hardly any check on expenditure. Let me give an example. In

the latest balance sheet of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi, handed by that great socialist, Mr. Malaviya, the auditors have pointed out 13 irregularities. Two of them are that the land which this corporation claims to be its asset in the balance sheet is not registered in the name of the HEC. Secondly, out of an inventory of Rs. 4.75 crores they have mentioned in the balance sheet, goods worth about Rs. 38 lakhs have not been accounted for, i.e. nearly 10 per cent of the inventory and nobody knows what those goods are and where they are. This sort of callous attitude of not wanting to do their job or understanding things is responsible for the loss. May I know whether a suggestion has been made by no less a person than the Comptroller and Auditor General that a separate audit board be set up for public sector undertakings? Have Government considered that suggestion and will they implement it?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** I do not know why unnecessarily the name of Mr. Malaviya is being dragged in, because Mr. Malaviya has been appointed recently and he is not accountable for what happened in previous years, in respect of which this report has been drafted. Since Mr. Malaviya has gone there, the production in one unit has gone up by 108 per cent, in another by 100 per cent and in the third by 80 per cent. So far as the objections raised in the audit report are concerned, I entirely agree that these are matters on which we should have a full discussion. I have always been suggesting that when these annual reports are presented to the House, I would welcome useful suggestions from hon. members to improve these things. But these matters cannot be answered in the form of a supplementary.

**SHRI RANGA :** The suggestion made by the Auditor General has been before Government for a number of years. Why do they not give effect to it?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** Whatever audit reports are placed before us, they are given careful consideration and to the extent possible, they are being implemented.

**MR. SPEAKER :** The specific question is whether an independent audit board will be appointed for public undertakings.

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** If necessary, we shall certainly do it.

**SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :** The Ministry of Industrial Development is not doing justice in locating central projects in Andhra. A project was sanctioned and even the foundation stone was laid for the cable factory as a central project, but they are not implementing it. Is it the policy of the present minister to scuttle down the projects sanctioned by the previous minister?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** It is not my policy to scuttle down projects sanctioned by the previous minister. If new things have not been taken up or have been postponed anywhere, it is because of the resources position and the priority to be given to it.

**SHRI TENNETI VISWANATHAN :** I am glad the Minister has said that he is looking into the question of regional imbalances. In this connection, may I ask whether he is aware that Andhra Pradesh is one of the most backward areas industrially and the central investment there, in all these three plans has been very very low? In view of this, may I know whether in the fourth plan he will include projects which have been recommended by expert committees, so that they will go a long way to set right the regional imbalances? I am referring to the fifth integrated steel plant recommended by the BASIC.

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** It is true that Andhra Pradesh, like my own State of Assam, is one of the backward States. We shall certainly look into this question.

श्री कावेरिबेर सिंह : श्री-श्री मन्त्री महोदय ने बताया माननीय सदस्य को उत्तर देते हुए कि श्री मालवीय इन मामलों के लिये जिम्मेदार नहीं हैं जो कि घाटीटर की रिपोर्ट में हैं तो उसके लिए मैं जानना चाहूंगा मन्त्री महोदय से कि इसके पहले जो संयोजन और अधिकारीगण रहे हैं क्या उन लोगों को जिम्मेदार घोषित करेंगे और उनके विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करेंगे इन मतवियों के लिए ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** That will depend on the result of the inquiry.

**श्री क्षति नूतन :** मैं मन्त्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि पब्लिक सेक्टर में जो हमारे बड़े-बड़े राष्ट्रीय उद्योग मन्दिर हैं, उन की सुरक्षा के लिए क्या आप कोई ऐसी सविस्तार तैयार कर रहे हैं, जो वहाँ परमानेन्टली काम कर सकें और प्लांटिंग बर्ड्स की तरह एक जगह से दूसरी जगह ट्रांसफर न हों ? दूसरे क्या आपकी निगाह में ऐसी चीजें आई हैं कि हमारे देश के मुनाफाखोर और सरमायेदारों के राजनीतिक बकील इन महान राष्ट्रीय उद्योगों को तोड़ने लगे हैं, ऐसे लोगों को उन राष्ट्रीय उद्योगों की सुरक्षा के लिये आपने क्या प्रबन्ध किये हैं ?

**श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद :** इन सब चीजों पर गौर किया जा रहा है कि हम किस तरह से इनको बहुत इफेक्टिव बना सकते हैं। लेकिन हमारे प्रान्सेबिल मेम्बर भी इसमें कुछ मदद दें तो बहुत दूर तक यह काम आगे बढ़ सकता है।

**SHRI HEM BARUA :** Apart from the oil refinery at Gauhati, which is not under this Ministry, may I know if this Ministry has any Centrally run industrial project in the State of Assam ; if so, what is it and, if not, why is it that the hon. Minister of Industrial Development goes to Assam so often ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** Again, the hon. Member is raising a question with regard to what has happened in the past. It is certainly true that apart from oil refinery... (Interruption).

**SHRI HEM BARUA :** This is not under your Ministry.

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** The fertiliser plant is also there. But, as I have said, the question of how to remove the imbalance of all the very backward States is under our consideration and surely Assam will also come in that category. The hon.

Member need not have any apprehension about it.

**SHRI HEM BARUA :** Is it not very interesting that there is not a single project in Assam that is under his Ministry ?

**SHRI AHMED AGA :** During the last 20 years the Ministry of Industrial Development has not thought it feasible to establish a single Central Industrial project in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. May I know, therefore, whether in the Fourth Plan they propose to have any such project in the State of Jammu and Kashmir ; if so, of what nature ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** May I say that the grievance of the hon. Member is appreciated because from the figures that I have I find that only Rs. 22 lakhs have been spent in that State in the Central sector. For that reason even without waiting for the Fourth Five-Year Plan we have decided to put a watch factory there so that it may be possible for them to do something.

**SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :** In answer to Shri Sreedharan the hon. Minister said that the Government was considering not to invest any more money in such undertakings which were not showing profits. May I know whether they have made any survey and can they name those undertakings which are not making any profit and in which they will not make any new investment ? Does the bokaro plant also come within those undertakings because the Bokaro plant does not make any profit—it is all waste for the time being—and will they not invest any more money in the Bokaro plant but use that for other projects which are more productive ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** I cannot give the details but so far as Bokaro is concerned, I think, my hon. friend is under some misgiving if he thinks that investment in the Bokaro plant will not give us profit. It is necessary that we increase the production of steel. Also, we must increase the various categories of steel not only for the purpose of bringing about import substitution but also for the purpose of giving the necessary work and utilising the capacity of the engineering plant at Ranchi.

**SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :** My question has not been answered. You yourself said that you are considering that you will not make investments in unproductive plants. May I know what those unproductive undertakings are ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** All those details are being considered.

**SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :** Why answer the question if you have no details ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** When they are finalised, they will be placed before the House.

**श्री शिकरे :** अध्यक्ष जी, मराठी में एक कहावत है जिसका अर्थ है कि तेलवाना भी रोता है और नारियल वाला भी रोता है। ऐसे बहुत से राज्य हैं जहाँ बड़े-बड़े उद्योग-धन्धे राष्ट्रीय क्षेत्र में स्थापित हो गये हैं वे भी रोते हैं क्योंकि उनका काम पैसा मिलता है, दूसरी तरफ बहुत सी यूनिवर्सिटी टैरिटीज हैं—जैसे मेरा गोआ है, मणिपुर है, त्रिपुरा है, जो कि सामरिक क्षेत्र भी है, लेकिन वहाँ कोई राष्ट्रीय उद्योग-धन्धा स्थापित हुआ ही नहीं है। मैं मन्त्री महोदय से जानना चाहूँगा कि चौथी पंच वर्षीय योजना में गोआ या दूसरी यूनिवर्सिटी टैरिटीज में ऐसे राष्ट्रीय उद्योग-धन्धे स्थापित किये जायेंगे या नहीं ?

**श्री फलरुहीन अली अहमद :** उनका भी ख्याल रखा जायगा।

**श्री सीताराम केसरी :** मैं मन्त्री महोदय से जानना चाहूँगा कि राष्ट्रीय उद्योग मन्डिर या जो सांख्यिक क्षेत्र में हमारे प्रोजेक्ट्स चल रहे हैं, उन प्रोजेक्ट्स में जो हम विचारधारा के बहुत बड़े मानने वाले समाज हैं या दल हैं, उनके द्वारा जो मजदूर भ्रान्दोलन होता है और जिससे बहुत बड़ा घाघात उन इण्डस्ट्रीज को पहुँचता है, उनसे सुरक्षा के लिए क्या आपने कोई ऐसी योजना बनाई है जिसमें उनको

समझाया जाय कि पब्लिक सेक्टर उनकी भलाई के लिये है ?

**श्री फलरुहीन अली अहमद :** इसमें किसी योजना के बनाने की जरूरत नहीं है। लेकिन मैं यह कहने के लिये जरूर तैयार हूँ कि बहुत जगहों पर लेबर ट्रुवल की वजह से भी आज हमारा नुकसान हो रहा है। इस वक्त हमारी सबकी यही कोशिश होनी चाहिये—पार्लियामेंट के मेम्बर और बाहर के दूसरे लोग इस किस्म की फिजा तैयार करें कि वहाँ प्रोडक्शन बढ़ सके और हमारी पब्लिक इण्डस्ट्रीज अच्छी तरह से चल सकें।

**श्री हुकम अन्व कछवाय :** केन्द्र द्वारा राज्यों में जो उद्योग लगाये जाते हैं, इनका प्रमुख उद्देश्य यह होता है कि उस प्रान्त या उस जिले का पिछड़ापन दूर हो। लेकिन अब तक जो उद्योग लगाये गये हैं, उन उद्योगों से उन क्षेत्रों की बेकारी दूर नहीं हुई है, क्योंकि जिग क्षेत्र या जिले में लगाये जाते हैं, उस क्षेत्र के लोगों को काम नहीं दिया जाता है, दूसरे प्रान्त के लोगों को काम दिया जाता है। भविष्य में जो उद्योग लगायेंगे क्या उनमें इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायगा कि जिस राज्य या जिले में उन उद्योगों को स्थापित किया जायेगा, उस राज्य या जिले के लोगों को उनमें अधिकार रूप से लगाया जायगा ?

**श्री फलरुहीन अली अहमद :** बड़े-बड़े उद्योगों के लगाने से ही एनएम्प्लायमेंट दूर नहीं होती है और न ही पर-कैपिटल-इनकम बढ़ती है। इसके लिये बड़े-बड़े उद्योग जहाँ जरूरी है, वहाँ लगाने चाहिए, लेकिन उनके साथ ही एनसीलियरी इण्डस्ट्रीज और स्माल स्केल इण्डस्ट्रीज भी हर इलाके में बढ़ाई जाय, जिनसे एम्प्लायमेंट बढ़े। इसके लिये इस दफा काफी रुपया रखा गया है और हर तरह की मदद देने के लिये हम तैयार हैं ताकि इस तरह के उद्योगों के जरिये पर-कैपिटल इनकम बढ़ सके और ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोगों को काम मिल सके।

श्री प्रकाशचौर शास्त्री : सरकारी सैक्टर में काम करने वाले उद्योग धन्धों की असफलता के जो कारण रहे हैं, उनमें एक प्रमुख कारण यह रहा है कि जहां हारे हुए राजनीतियों को उधर लगाया जाता है, वहां अधिकांश रिटायर्ड सरकारी कर्मचारियों को भी उधर लगाया जाता है। इसका परिणाम यह होता है कि जब वह रिटायर्ड हो चुकते हैं तो यह समझते हैं कि हम यह काम करें या न करें, पेन्शन की परसेन्टेज तो हमको मिलेगी ही। क्या सरकार इस नीति पर विचार करने जा रही है कि इस प्रकार के सरकारी सैक्टर में काम करने वाले उद्योग-धन्धों में अधिकांश नई उम्र के और प्रशिक्षित व्यक्तियों को लिया जाय, जिससे कि ये कारखाने अपनी पूरी क्षमता के साथ उत्पादन दे सकें तथा रिटायर्ड भ्रादमी जिनके भ्रमान और उम्र दोनों थक चुके होते हैं, उनको न लिया जा सके ?

श्री फकरुद्दीन अली अहमद : शास्त्री जी ने जो सजेरिशन दिया है, बहुत काबिले-गौर है, काबिले-तारीफ है और उस पर हम ध्यान दे रहे हैं कि किस तरह से हम उन लोगों को जो उन्हीं उद्योगों में काम करते हैं और उनमें जो काबिल हैं, जवान लोग हैं, उनको भ्राने भ्राने का मौका दें। गवर्नमेंट चाहती है कि जितना मुमकिन हो उन्हीं लोगों को काम दिया जाय जो उस काम को जानते हैं और जिन्होंने उस यूनिट में काम किया हुआ है।

SHRI BASUMATARI : Assam is a very backward State in industrialisation and the people are also very poor. At the sometime, the hon. Minister knows very well that Assam is very rich in resources. In that case, may I know what steps Government have taken to develop the State ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED : As I have already said, with regard to all States including Assam, we are taking into consideration to what extent we can remove the regional imbalance so far as the development of industries is concerned.

SHRI SURENDRANATH DWIVEDI : Sir, the hon. Minister just a few minutes before, told us that after Mr. Malaviya took charge of HEC there has been improvement and efficiency has increased and production has increased. But the fact remains that many of the public sector undertakings are running at a loss and there is unutilised capacity. May I therefore know from the Government whether they are taking immediate steps to replace all managing directors and Chairmen of the public sector undertakings and put defeated congressmen there so that better efficiency could be maintained ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED : The hon. Member has raised the same question again. I can tell him that production has improved in that unit.....

AN HON. MEMBER : No.....

SHRI F. A. AHMED : That is the opinion of the hon. Member. But I am saying on the basis of what facts I have before me. We are taking various steps how the improvement could be effected. Wherever it is necessary, the Managing Directors or Chairman have been changed. We are looking into this aspect whether any other change is called for.

MR. SPEAKER : Short Notice Question. Mr. Jyotirmoy Basu.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Subversion in Durgapur Steel Plant

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S.N.Q. 7. SHRI JYOTIRMOY

BASU :

SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :

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

(a) whether Government have taken note of the subversion committed by the Hindustan Steel Workers' Union, Durgapur as stated by the Chairman and workers of Hindustan Steel Ltd. ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Division-in-charge promised to a team of M Ps. to consider withdrawal of recognition of the Indian National Trade Union Congress after consultations ; and