

PROPOSAL BY CEMENT CORPORATION OF
INDIA FOR SETTING UP CEMENT
FACILITIES

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*1566. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ce-
ment Corporation of India has submitted
any proposal recently for setting up
some cement factories in various
States;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has
been approved by Government;

(c) the details of the proposal and
the places and the names of those States
in which such cement factories are likely
to be set up during the year 1970-71;
and

(d) the production capacity of each
factory and the financial implications
thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVE-
LOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND
COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHANU
PRAKASH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has so far approved
the setting up of cement plants at Man-
dhar (Madhya Pradesh), and at Kur-
kunta (Mysore State). The setting of
another plant at Bokajan (Assam) has
also been agreed to in principle. Pro-
posal to set up another similar unit in
Paonta in Himachal Pradesh is also
under consideration.

(c) The cement factory at Mandhar
(M.P.) will begin commercial produc-
tion in June 1970 while the factory at
Kurkunta (Mysore) will begin trial runs
early in 1971.

(d) Factory	Production Capacity-year tonnes	Project cost Rs. lakhs
1. Mandhar (M.P.)	200,000	451.51
2. Kurkunta (Mysore)	200,000	442.79
3. Bokajan (Assam)	200,000	1127

श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल : अभी मंत्री महोदय
ने बताया कि मैसूर, मध्य प्रदेश तथा आसाम
में बनाने जा रहे हैं, हिमाचल के बारे में
विचार कर रहे हैं—इस तरह से चार
फैक्ट्रीज आप खोलेंगे। लेकिन क्या इन चार
फैक्ट्रीज से देश की डिमाण्ड पूरी हो जायेगी
तथा देश में सीमेंट की खपत को देखते हुए
क्या सरकार उत्तर बिहार में भी कोई
सीमेंट फैक्ट्री खोलने के बारे में विचार
करेगी, क्योंकि वहां केवल एक ही सीमेंट
फैक्ट्री दक्षिण में है तथा उत्तर बिहार की
आबादी इस समय ढाई करोड़ है और वहां कोई
भी बड़ी इस्पात, सीमेंट इंडस्ट्री नहीं है ?

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समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली
अहमद) : यह एक ऐंभी इंडस्ट्री है, जिस में
प्राइवेट सेक्टर और पब्लिक सेक्टर दोनों के
बढ़ने की गुंजाइश है। जहां तक पब्लिक
सेक्टर का ताल्लुक है, चौथे प्लान में चार
फैक्ट्रीज से ज्यादा खोलने का प्रांश्राम नहीं है,
इस से ज्यादा के लिये रिसोर्सज नहीं दिये
गये हैं, लेकिन कोई प्राइवेट सेक्टर अगर सीमेंट
की फैक्ट्री लगाना चाहेंगे तो हम उस को
जरूर कन्सीडर करेंगे।

श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल : क्या मंत्री महोदय
बतायेंगे—जो पिछड़े हुए राज्य हैं उद्योग,
लघु उद्योग के मामले में, जैसे उत्तर प्रदेश,
जो देश का सबसे बड़ा राज्य है, लेकिन
वहां पर सीमेंट इण्डस्ट्रीज नहीं हैं, क्या आप
वहां भी एक सीमेंट कारखाना खोलने के बारे
में विचार करेंगे ?

श्री भानु प्रकाश सिंह : जैसा कि अभी
मंत्री महोदय ने उल्लेख किया कि चतुर्थ पंचवर्षीय
योजना में चार विचाराधीन हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश
के लिए भी अगर माननीय सदस्य किसी को
प्राइवेट सेक्टर में ला करके कहेंगे तो हम
जरूर विचार करेंगे।

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Mr.
Speaker, Sir, the Cement Corporation of
India has proposed setting up of cement

factory in Mysore State. It is a very long time since this was proposed. And Mysore State Government has urged this Government for the financial assistance to start this. Raw materials are available in abundance here. But, the delay has not been explained by this Government in spite of the consistent demand made by the Mysore State Government. I want to know from the Government whether they will start the factory in the private sector or in the public sector if it is decided by this Government to set up these factories in Mysore State.

SHRI F. A. AHMED : As has been pointed out, the trial is to be undertaken in the Cement Factory in Mysore State early in 1971 and the factory will go in for production later.

SHRI S. KANDAPPAN : It is but legitimate that this demand should be fulfilled, namely, basic raw materials availability etc. in various places, by starting a cement factory. But, the planning of the Government of India is such that already in some areas of the country, there is surplus capacity created. For example, in my State, we are having a substantial surplus of cement production.

I would like to know from the Government whether it will consider the question of setting up of factories only after taking into consideration that the already established factories are not going to waste.

SHRI F. A. AHMED : The demand for cement is likely to rise. At present, it is about 13 million tonnes and by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan, it will be about 21 million tonnes. And there is plenty of scope for the cement factories and also the new factories to come up in order to produce or manufacture more cement which will be required by us. Our policy is now to set up factories in any areas which are deficit so that there may not be a burden on transport to carry the cement from one place to another. Therefore, we are selecting those areas which are in deficit and where there are natural resources available for the purpose of development of cement industry.

श्री विक्रम चन्द महाजन : हिमाचल सरकार ने आपसे दो फैक्ट्रीज हिमाचल में लगाने के लिए कहा था तो क्या आपने उनकी दो फैक्ट्रीज लगाने की माग को स्वीकार किया है या नहीं ? यदि नहीं, तो क्यों ?

श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद : अभी जैसा मैं ने कहा कि चार प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं लेकिन अगर रिसोर्सेज और ड्यू तो और भी विचार कर सकते हैं... (ध्वजवाहन)...

SHRI HEM BARUA : What has happened to Assam ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED : Assam is already there. I have said that of the four projects, three have already been approved.

SHRI HEM BARUA : You have to accept any one area.

SHRI F. A. AHMED : Financial sanction has already been given and steps have been taken in this regard.

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR : In view of the demand for cement outstripping the supply and in view of the rise in prices of cement, for the non-project plan, are the Government thinking of fulfilling the demand ? If so, may I know whether the setting up of these four plants will be able to achieve the target of 21 million tonnes by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

SHRI F. A. AHMED : As I have already pointed out, in order to meet the demand, we require about 21 million tonnes of cement by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan. At present, the licensed capacity is just under 16 million tonnes. The existing plants are being expanded. And some more in the private sector are expected to come.

So far as Government is concerned, we are taking up four plants which will give nearly 800 thousand tonnes of cement by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan. Because of resources, it is not possible for us to bring in more plants under the public sector.

SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR : Still there will be shortage.

SHRI F. A. AHMED : Yes, there will be shortage unless the private sector also comes in.

श्री सरजू पाण्डेय : अध्यक्ष जी, एक माननीय सदस्य ने उत्तर प्रदेश के बारे में प्रश्न किया लेकिन मन्त्री महोदय ने उसका गोल-मटोल जवाब दे दिया कि अगर कोई प्राइवेट आदमी एप्लाई करेगा तो देखा जायेगा। पहली बात तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश में सीमेन्ट का कारखाना खोलने के लिए किसी ने एप्लाई किया है या नहीं? यदि हाँ, तो कितनी दर्खास्ते आई हैं, और कब तक उन पर निर्णय हो जायेगा?

मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के पिछड़ेपन को देखते हुए क्या सरकार सरकारी क्षेत्र में वहाँ पर सीमेन्ट के कारखाने खोलने का विचार रखती है या नहीं? ?
(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : I am not allowing this question. I do not think that this arises out of the main question. The hon. Member may table a specific question regarding that.

SHRI R. BARUA : From the answer given by the hon. Deputy Minister I could understand that the establishment of a cement factory in Bokajan has been accepted in principle. But from the answer given by the hon. Minister, I find that something is being done to put it in the Fourth Five Year Plan. So, we are still in a confusion. I would like to have a categorical assurance whether the Bokajan factory is going to be taken up in the Fourth Plan.

SHRI F. A. AHMED : I may inform the hon. Member that the corporation has already been instructed to take the necessary preliminary steps to set up the proposed factory, and the detailed project report submitted by them is being examined. The formal sanction for preliminary expenses has also been issued, and the setting up of this factory will be taken up immediately.

APPOINTMENT OF M/S. DASTUR AND CO. AS CONSULTANTS FOR PROPOSED STEEL PLANTS IN THE SOUTH

*1567. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to appoint M/s. Dastur and Co. as Consultants for the setting up of three steel plants in the South; and

(b) if so, the reasons for entrusting the work to a single firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार बतला सकती है, जैसा कि हमारी एस्टिमेट्स कमेटी की रिपोर्ट में भी दर्ज है कि दस्तूर ऐन्ड कम्पनी को रशियन कोलेबोरेशन ने अञ्छा नहीं कहा है, वे उनको पसन्द नहीं करते हैं तो क्या रशियन कोलेबोरेशन इस कदर हावी है कि उन्हीं के कहने से एक्सेप्ट किया जाता है और उन्हीं के कहने से रिजंबट किया जाता है—यह बात कहाँ तक सही है?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पंत : यह तो जो तीन नये कारखाने बनने वाले हैं उनके सम्बन्ध में सवाल है और वहाँ पर रशियन कोलेबोरेशन का कोई प्रश्न नहीं है।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या हम जान सकते हैं कि कौन इसका फर्ट कन्सल्टेन्ट होगा जिसके परामर्श से इस काम को चलाया जायगा?

श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पंत : इसमें हिन्दुस्तानी कन्सल्टेन्ट्स होंगे और दस्तूर ऐन्ड कम्पनी से भी सरकार बातचीत करेगी कि वे भी इस काम में किस तरह से हिस्सा ले सकते हैं।

SHRI RANGA : We were informed a long time ago that the Hindustan Steel corporation themselves were trying to develop a consultancy service so that it