

Bokaro Steel Plant

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Shri Basumatari:
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Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagat Jha Azad:
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:
Shri Eswara Reddy:
Shri Morarka:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Warior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:
Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
Shri Nambiar:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Daji:
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S.A. Survey Team has finalised its study of the Economical and Technical aspects of the Bokaro Steel Project;

(b) whether the report will be placed before the U.S.A. Department dealing with aid for International Development;

(c) if so, whether Government of India will be given an opportunity to express their opinion with respect to the findings of the Survey Team; and

(d) what will be the quantum of aid from U.S.A. for the Project?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The report will initially be submitted to the Agency for International Development of the United States Government who have commissioned it.

(c) and (d). The Government of India hope to have an opportunity to study and express an opinion on the findings of the Survey Team. It is premature to express an opinion on the quantum of aid that will be made available.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Government give an estimate of the production that is to be raised from year to year from the project once it comes into being?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Just now, the team is studying the whole thing. That information will be available only when we have the detailed project.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: What will be the area covered by the project in the two districts of Dhanbad and Hazaribagh and what are the measures proposed to rehabilitate the people to be affected?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This is with regard to the report of the survey team. Regarding all the other actions which have got to be taken, a separate question may be put.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the team has given any indication of the time by which they would be able to submit the report, whether the report will be submitted to the Government of India or whether it will be submitted to the U.S.A. department from which it will come to us?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I thought that was the main question and I have answered it. The time taken would be 7 to 8 months.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether the Bokaro steel plant will be a going concern by the end of the Third Five Year Plan?

Shri C. Subramaniam: No.

Shri Yallamanda Reddy: May I know whether it is a fact that this team is investigating throughout the country, even outside the purview of this investigation?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not think it is. It is only within the purview of the investigation.

Shri Yallamanda Reddy: The teams are travelling throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker: He says, No.

Shri Morarka: In view of the reply of the hon. Minister that it is not likely to be ready by the end of the Third Five Year Plan, may I know what steps the Government is taking to ensure the required supply of steel by the end of the Third Five Year Plan particularly when the expansion programme as well as Bokaro—both are likely to be delayed?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We are trying to expedite the expansion programme as far as possible.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether the examination by the team is being done within the framework of the fact that the project will be in the public sector and it will be done by Indian consultants?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It will be a public sector project and investigation is being done on that basis.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if it is a fact that the U.S. team is engaged in a study of the problem from an American point of view, as they say, with a view to make Bokaro an American answer to Russian Bhilai and if so, may I know what is the American point of view?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The plant will be in India to satisfy Indian conditions and to satisfy Indian needs.

Shri P. K. Deo: May I know whether the American team has been in consultation with Dastur, the consultant who has submitted the project report for the Bokaro steel plant?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes.

Shri Basumatari: In view of the fact that in such a big project, a large area of land will be acquired and a large number of people will be uprooted, is there any scheme to rehabilitate them by giving proper land near the site itself?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I am afraid this question will not arise out of the main question.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know if it is a fact that this team is going into the fundamental question of actual total steel requirements of India and whether we need a Bokaro or not?

Shri C. Subramaniam: They are looking into the feasibility of the Bokaro steel plant. As far as the need is concerned, I think it has been more than established that there is need for the Bokaro steel plant.

Shri P. C. Boroah: May I know whether the Government of India proposes to send out a technical delegation to U.S.A. to bring home their point of view to the U.S. Government?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We should await the submission of this report before we take any further action.

Shri Umanath: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a press report to the effect that the Birlas have canvassed in America for getting the plant itself in the private sector and if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to see that it does not influence the survey team's report?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I have not seen any such report.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether the Government of India or its representative had a talk with the survey team when they were here and if so, whether the Government have placed their case squarely with the team?

Shri C. Subramaniam: To which case is the hon. Member referring? I am sorry I could not follow the earlier part of the question.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether the Government of India have represented their case or had a talk with the survey team when they were here, and if so, whether they have put their case strongly before them?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is not a question of placing the case. They are going into the feasibility of the Bokaro plant. There is no question of placing our case before them. They have to submit their report with regard to the feasibility of the Bokaro plant.

Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: May I know whether Government propose to have any heavy industries in the near future, like the steel plants?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Where?

Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: And if so, where?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know 'where', and the hon. lady Member also wants to know 'where'.

Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: May I know whether it is proposed to have heavy industries, and if so, where?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I would refer the hon. Member to the Third Plan document which gives an account of the heavy industries which would be coming up in the country.

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Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the recent resignation of the Secretary of the Sangeet Natak Akademi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Secretary has complained of violation of assurances given to him at the time of his appointment; and

(c) whether Government have held a searching inquiry into the matter?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun

Kabir): (a) The Akademi found him unsuitable for the post of Secretary and offered him an alternative post on the same terms and conditions as that of the Secretary. He refused to accept the post and resigned.

(b) The Akademi has pointed out that there has been no violation of the terms and conditions of his appointment.

(c) This was not necessary.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Since this gentleman in question has spent the last sixteen years of his life in Paris, may I know why he was offered this job in the first place, without the Ministry being satisfied that he was suitable for it?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The Ministry was not consulted when he was offered the appointment.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether it is a fact that the offer for this appointment or invitation to this gentleman, which the hon. Minister said was not approved of by the Ministry, was issued by the Vice-Chancellor of the Akademi, who is an ex-ICS officer, who possibly does not know much about art or culture?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The hon. Member has not interpreted me correctly. I did not say 'approval'. I said that we were not informed before the post was offered, but only after the post was offered. The matter was not initially referred to us because the Akademi held that they were competent to make the appointment without any reference, but the Ministry held that reference was necessary, and because the offer had been made, we did not disapprove of it.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: At least this part of my question may be answered. Who made the offer?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The Akademi.