



# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Saturday, November 10, 1962/Kartika  
19, 1834 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Cement Industry

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- +84. } Shri S. C. Samanta:
  - } Shri Subodh Hansda:
  - } Shri N. R. Laskar:
  - } Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cement industry is facing a crisis for want of water-tight wagons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large quantities of cement have piled up all over the country in the factory godowns; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove this difficulty?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. S. Sethi): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There has been no crisis. There have, however, been difficulties in railway transport experienced by cement factories; more by some and less by others.

(c) We expect that with the improvement in the railway transport as a whole there would also be improvement in the transport of

cement. Meanwhile movement of cement by road and sea, wherever possible, is being encouraged. The use of block-rakes for transport of cement is also being explored.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that this news appeared in the newspapers that the industry is facing a crisis? May I know whether that statement has been contradicted?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): It is not necessary to contradict every newspaper comment. Whenever there is some difficulty, they raise it to a crisis.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon Minister is aware that in many States, especially in the U.P., in some of the districts, the crisis created by cement has become a nuisance to the district authorities?

Mr. Speaker: Due to want of water-tight wagons or something else?

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Due to irregular supply of cement.

Mr. Speaker: No, no.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know if paucity of cement in Jammu and Kashmir State is because of non-availability of wagons or what?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Jammu and Kashmir: at the moment it is a little bit difficult. I am sure if he makes enquiries now, he would get a more favourable answer that it is quite satisfactory there now.

Shri Venkatasubbaiah: May I know whether it is a fact that there is dearth of cement in the country and may I know whether any efforts are

made to step up production in the cement factories?

**Mr. Speaker:** Not a general question.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा कि सीमेंट की कमी नहीं है। अपने अनुभव से हम देखते हैं कि सीमेंट मिलता नहीं है। तो क्या सरकार...

**प्रद्यक्ष महोदय :** यह जनरल क्वेश्चन है।

#### Oil in Cauvery Basin

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**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri N. R. Laskar:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri P. Kunhan:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that are being taken to intensify the drilling operation on the Cauvery Basin to find out natural oil;

(b) whether any experts have been appointed for this work; and

(c) if not, whether any offer from abroad has been obtained to carry out this work?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Thimmaiah):** (a) It is proposed to drill a few structural holes to a depth of 1,200 metres for obtaining Stratigraphic information. Work is expected to commence early in 1963. The question of intensified drilling does not arise at present.

(b) Yes, Sir. Expert Indian Geologists and Drillers have been allocated for this work.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know what sort of drilling is at present being done?

**Shri Thimmaiah:** Seismic and other surveys are being conducted for finding out the structures suitable for

accumulation of hydro carbons. If that is found out, drilling will be intensified.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether the preliminary data in this field are indicative of any decision for intensified drilling in the area?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):** Without getting any such indication, drilling operations are generally not undertaken.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** I want to know whether the preliminary data....

**Shri Hajarnavis:** The first is geological survey. The second is gravite-magnetic survey. Then there is seismic survey. If all these factors are favourable, then alone we undertake heavy expenditure in drilling.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** May I know whether the upper Cauvery basin in the State of Mysore will come within the purview of this survey?

**Shri Thimmaiah:** This will be answered in some other question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

#### Standard Rate for Gold

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- \*86. { **Shri S. B. Das:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri B. K. Das:**  
**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
**Shri Kajrolkar:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to fix a standard rate for gold throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether this proposal is finalised; and

(c) by what time this will be enforced?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) Proposals regarding Government's