

due to the increasing demand with which the supply is not coping?

Shri C. Subramaniam: First of all, the volume to be dealt with by this organisation has become immense. Formerly the distribution was round about one million tons. Now we ourselves will be producing about 4 million tons, and we are importing some materials also. So, the organisation will have to be looked into from this aspect, and also the present emergency perhaps will have a bearing on it.

Shri Bhakt Darshan: As I understand it, even the defence ordnance factories have been complaining about the inordinate delay in the supply of steel to them. Have any special steps been taken now in that connection?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There have been complaints from almost everybody, but as far as ordnance factory requirements are concerned, they have a special priority and they will be met as quickly as possible.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि कलकत्ता में जो आयरन एंड स्टील कंट्रोलर का दफ्तर है वह एक इम्पीरियलिस्ट दफ्तर है और वह आज भी हमारी जरूरियात पूरी नहीं करता। क्या डिस्ट्रिक्ट लेवल पर या स्टेट लेवल पर इस तरह के दफ्तर कायम करने का इरादा है।

इस्पात और भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री प्र० च० सेठी) : कलकत्ते के अलावा बम्बई, मद्रास और दिल्ली में रीजनल आफिसें हैं। इन के अलावा और कोई दफ्तर खोलने का अभी प्रोग्राम नहीं है।

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Ranga: May I put a supplementary?

Mr. Speaker: He did not stand up earlier.

Shri Ranga: This is an important supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: Too late now.

Issue of Industrial Licences

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- *225. { **Shri Morarka:**
Shri Ravindra Verma:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Warior:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:
Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 529 on the 22nd August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether an analysis of licences issued to industrial houses or industrialists was supplied to the Mahalanobis Committee before their report was finalised;

(b) whether there is any restriction in actual practice in issuing these licences to persons already owning or managing many undertakings; and

(c) whether he would now lay on the Table an analysis of the licences issued to industrial houses or industrialists during the last two years?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir. The report of the Mahalanobis Committee also remains to be finalised.

(b) Yes. The provisions of the Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956, which specifically refers to the need to prevent private monopolies and the concentration of economic power in different fields in the hands of small number of individuals, are always kept in view when new licences are issued. In furtherance of this policy, in a number of well-established industries, licences for establishing

new units are granted only to newcomers. The branching out by companies engaged in one line of business into other unrelated fields is also generally not favoured by Government.

(c) An analysis of the licences issued to the major Business Houses in the country during the last two years is under preparation and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as this is ready.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether the Mahalanobis Committee has requested this Ministry for some information, and if so whether this information is going to be supplied to that committee?

Shri Kanungo: They had asked for some information on these lines. Some of it has been supplied, and some has yet to be supplied.

Shri Morarka: We were told the other day in the House that this committee would be submitting its report some time in December. If this information is not supplied to the committee, may I know whether the work of the committee will not be impeded?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir. Before the finalisation, not all but some of the information asked for will be provided.

Shri Basumatari: Since this committee has become a subject of controversy, may I know whether this committee has been following the terms of reference given to it by the Government?

Shri Kanungo: Obviously. In any case, I am not concerned with the committee. So, I cannot categorically reply.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Just now the hon. Minister has stated that every care is being taken to see that licences are given to the newcomers. May I know the percentage of the licences given to the newcomers in 1961-62?

Shri Kanungo: I have already mentioned that according to the directions of the Speaker, that analysis is being prepared, and will be placed before the House.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Last time we had a half an hour discussion on this and you were pleased to ask the Minister to prepare a list of cases where licenses were issued. Even today we are told that it is under preparation. Will the list be placed on the Table of the House in this session? That is very essential.

Shri Kanungo: I have replied to part (c) and I have also replied to the supplementaries. It is being prepared and it will be ready by the middle of December. It takes a long time. Unfortunately, the session is closing by the end of November. I believe by the next session it will be ready.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Is it a fact that Government has categorically written back to the Mahalanobis Committee that some information sought by the committee could not be supplied by the Government?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir.

Iron and Steel Plant in Andhra Pradesh

{ **Shri Kolla Venkaiah:**
| **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
*226. **Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**
| **Shri Basumatari:**
| **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:**

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

(a) whether the Committee of Experts appointed by the Union Government for examining the proposal for the establishment of iron and steel plant of medium size in Andhra Pradesh has recommended the testing of coal and iron ores and limestone from selected spots in the vicinity of Kothagudem in the low-shaft furnace of Jamshedpur National Metallurgical Laboratory;