

Shri Kanungo: The State Governments have been requested to allot 75 per cent of the funds for industrial estates in rural areas. But the whole scheme is now taking a different shape because a new programme of intensive rural industrialisation is being undertaken in which the Small-scale Industries Board is participating.

Shri Basumatari: May I know whether Government are thinking of changing this idea, keeping in view the present requirements of defence?

Shri Kanungo: Of course, the entire organisation has been geared up.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Keeping in view the recommendations that are likely to be made, may I know whether Government are taking steps for the present not to allow some areas to have concentration of industries but to disperse the industries in other places?

Shri Kanungo: The recommendations are there. By their very nature, the small-scale industries are dispersed. The point is that certain factors which do not encourage the dispersal have got to be tackled, and they are being tackled.

Steel Plant in South

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Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

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

(a) the progress made with regard to the setting up of a steel plant in the South;

(b) whether the officers who were sent to East Germany for carrying out pilot tests have returned to India; and

(c) if so, what is their report on the subject?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) The Government of India appointed a Technical Committee to examine the question of setting up a pig iron or a Steel Plant in the Southern region based on Neyveli Lignite and Salem and other iron ore.

On the recommendation of the Technical Committee, large scale smelting and briquetting tests have been conducted in Norway and East Germany. The East German Research Institute report indicates the technical feasibility of producing pig iron for steel making by the low shaft furnace process. The final report from Norway is still awaited. The Committee also recommended that a firm of Consulting Engineers should be asked to submit a Project Report for a pig iron or steel plant based on Neyveli Lignite and iron ores of Salem/Bellary-Sandur. The report is awaited.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Only a summary report has been received so far which shows that in the East German tests the furnace operations were smooth. A more detailed report is awaited.

Some Hon. Members: The answer may be read out slowly, because we are not able to follow it.

Shri P. C. Sethi: It is a long answer. That was why I was reading it fast.

Mr. Speaker: If it was a long answer, then he ought to have placed it on the Table of the House.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : स्पीड तो वार एफ्ट के साथ बढ़नी ही चाहिये । मैं समझ लेता हूँ चाहे इस से भी तेज वह बोलें । यह तो आज की सिचुएशन का तकाजा है ।

मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जो आफिसरान हमारे बाहर भेजे गये थे उन की सविसेज क्या दस साल से कम थीं, they were raw and inexperienced.

और उन में किसी तरह की रिसेप्टिविटी नहीं थी इसलिये रिपोर्ट नहीं दी जा सकी।

श्री प्र० चं० सेठी : जो आफिसर्स भेजे गये थे वे एक्स्पीरिएन्ड थे, और ईस्ट जर्मनी में गये हुए आफिसर्स वापस आ गये हैं। उन की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो रही है।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : उन में से कितने ऐसे थे जिन की सर्विसेज दस सालों से कम की थी ?

Shri P. C. Sethi: I would require notice for that.

Shri Umanath: We are given to understand that the technical committee was considering the question of location....

Shri Ranga: How many of them had less than ten years' experience?

Mr. Speaker: He has not got those figures.

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): Three officers went to East Germany. If my hon. friend wants to know how many of them had less than ten years' experience, we cannot give that information immediately.

Shri Ranga: Two of them had below ten years' experience?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister says that he has not got the information.

Shri C. Subramaniam: We sent only young officers, and we are going to send only young officers hereafter.

Shri Ranga: 'Young' means what? Sir, I protest against this kind of answer (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Ranga: What does he mean by 'young' men?

Mr. Speaker: I consider Shri Ranga and myself also very young. There is no harm in it (*Interruptions*).

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Young men like you and Shri Ranga should be sent.

Mr. Speaker: If any chance arises, Shri Ranga should be sent among young men.

Shri Ranga: You will kindly see that two people who were sent had less than ten years' experience. . . .

Mr. Speaker: I told the hon. Member that the Minister has said that he has not that information with him.

Shri Ranga: He should have stopped there. There is no reason why he should be so disrespectful to the House.

Mr. Speaker: That information was not available. I stopped him there. He need not have gone further and given a lengthier answer.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: The Minister created the trouble.

Shri C. Subramaniam: I was saying it because I do not know how this ten years' experience criterion comes in at all.

Mr. Speaker: There is one suggestion I would make. It may be considered a request, suggestion or advice. On earlier occasions also, I have requested hon. Ministers that when I disallow a question, the Minister should not get up and answer. He should see whether I have allowed the question and then answer.

Shri Umanath: We were given to understand that the technical committee was considering the question of location, whether it is to be in Salem or Neyveli or both at Salem and Neyveli. What is the recommendation of this Committee?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The technical committee has now recommended that a consultant should be appointed. That consultant has been appointed. He is there preparing a detailed project report. The question of location will be considered by them.