

**Shri Hem Barua:** That is how things are deteriorating in this country.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Would the Government give us the figure as to at what price the seller obtained this plant from the original people who manufactured or set up this plant and at what price is it being sold by the Kalinga Industries to the Orissa Industrial Development Corporation?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I do not have these figures. But I thought the relevant factor to be taken into consideration is the present assets, whatever might have been the past. Therefore, on that basis the price is being fixed.

#### Aluminium Plant at Mettur Dam

\*849. **Shri S. Kandappan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when the Aluminium Plant at Mettur Dam is likely to go into operation;

(b) the reasons for the low productive capacity of the plant as envisaged at present; and

(c) the total financial allocation by Government to the said plant?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Production of aluminium ingots at the Mettur Aluminium Plant is expected to commence by end of 1964.

(b) and (c). The application for the grant of a licence put up by the private party in consultation with their foreign collaborator was for a capacity of 10,000 metric tons per annum based on the availability of local raw material and electric power and this capacity has been licensed. There is no participation by the Central Government in the venture. The foreign exchange requirements of the project are being met partly by equity participation by the foreign collaborator and the balance by a long-term loan from Italy negotiated by the party.

**Shri S. Kandappan:** In view of the growing demand for aluminium, may I know whether the Government has got any proposal to start any other plant in the public sector?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes, Sir; that question is coming up later on. A plant with Hungarian collaboration in Madhya Pradesh is under consideration.

**Shri S. Kandappan:** In reply to part (c) of the question, the hon. Minister said there is no participation by the Central Government in this particular venture. May I know whether the State Government has got any share in it?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No, Sir.

**डा० गोविन्द दास :** अभी मंत्री जी ने यह कहा कि इस सम्बन्ध में मध्य प्रदेश के विषय में विचार किया जा रहा है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार ने इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार को कुछ लिखा है ? यदि लिखा है तो क्या उत्तर गया और इस बात का कितने दिनों में निर्णय हो जायेगा ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** जब प्रश्न सं० ८५७-आयेगा तब मैं माननीय सदस्य को इस के विषय में बतलाऊंगा।

#### Directorate Board of Hindustan Steel Ltd.

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\*850. { **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**  
**Shri Kapur Singh:**  
**Shri P. K. Ghosh:**  
**Shri Gulshan:**  
**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**  
**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate Board of the Hindustan Steel Limited, has been recently reconstituted;