

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सरकार ने पता लगाया है कि जब तक यह उद्योग एक ही संस्था को मानापली रहेगा तब तक करप्शन दूर नहीं हो सकता?

श्री मनुभाई शाह: मोनीपली जैसी चीज का तो कोई सवाल ही नहीं है। यह बहुत कठिन काम है जो कि खादी कमिशन कर रहा है। वह आमतौर पर खादी का ही संकलन करता है। डाइरेक्ट परचेज का काम वह नहीं करता है। खादी का काम इसी तरह से आगे बढ़ सकता है।

Rourkela Steel Works

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Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Onkarlal Berwa:
Shri Kachhavaiya:
Shri P. C. Barooah:
Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj:

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

(a) whether an agreement is proposed to be signed with Bonn for a loan of DM. 450 million to expand the Rourkela Steel Works;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the loan; and

(c) how it is proposed to be utilised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The actual amount of the loan for which an agreement is proposed to be signed shortly is DM. 400 Million, but in addition DM. 50 million is available from an earlier loan of the German Government. These two amounts are expected to cover the entire foreign exchange cost of the expansion of Rourkela from its present capacity of 1 million ingot tons to 1.8 million ingot tons. The main terms of the loan are that it is for a period of 20 years at a rate of interest of 5½ per cent with a grace period of 5 years. The loan will be

utilised for making payments to suppliers of plant and equipment from West Germany and Austria in connection with the expansion, and will also cover the cost of any technical personnel that may be needed during the period of the construction.

Shri D. C. Sharma: How long will it take for this expansion programme to be implemented?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): It is expected that by 1965-66 the erection would be over and there might be some production also; but the major part of the production will be in the first year of the Fourth Plan.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the rate of interest that the West German Government is charging from India is the same as other West European countries are charging or is it less or more?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I am sorry, I do not have the figures with regard to the rate of interest charged by the other countries.

Shri Maheswar Naik: In view of the fact that this project at Rourkela has the benefit of having special techniques under the LD process, why is it that the expanded capacity has been fixed at 1.8 million tons, that is, at a figure lower than for the other two steel factories in the public sector?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As a matter of fact, Durgapur is being expanded only to 1.6 million tons. It is in reference to the existing facilities available and the economies of expansion that it has been fixed at 1.8 million tons. I am sure, it will be further expanded during the Fourth Plan period.

Shri P. C. Barooah: How much of the loan would be on account of the services rendered by the West German experts and how much for the machines?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This is entirely for the machinery. For services rendered a different loan of DM. 15 million is available.

श्री कछवाय : इस कारखाने के विस्तार के लिए जो नया यंत्र और सामान मंगाया जा रहा है वह कहां से मंगाया जा रहा है ?

इस्पात और भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री प्र० च० सेठी) : वेस्ट जर्मनी और आस्ट्रिया मंगाया जा रहा है।

श्री श्रीकारलाल बेरवा : जो रुपया लिया गया है उस के एवज में हम सामान देंगे या रुपया ही देंगे ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is in the shape of machinery and as cost of that machinery.

Dr. Ranen Sen: In view of the fact that in the past the Rourkela steel plant did not work very well, has Government made any provision to see while signing this agreement that the same mistakes are not committed by the firm which is supplying the machines?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We learn by the mistakes that we have already committed and, I am sure, we have taken sufficient steps to see that the expansion programme works all right.

Target of Steel Production

*856. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have of late tentatively decided upon the question of a steel production target for the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the target; and

(c) the break-up of the steel production targets to be achieved in the public and in private sector?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) to (c). No, Sir, no decision has so far been taken. The Steering Group which has been set up to formulate the

Fourth Five Year Plan for iron and steel is, however, working on the basis of a tentative target production of 18 to 19 million tons of steel ingots. A decision regarding the target as well as the break-up between the public and private sector will be taken on receipt of the recommendations of the Steering Group.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know when this decision of the Steering Group is likely to be available?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): It is likely to be made available by the end of this year.

Shri P. C. Borooah: How much of the increased target of production of steel in the Fourth Plan period will be allocated to the existing steel plants and how much for the Bokaro Plant? Is there any proposal for having a fifth plant in the Fourth Plan?

Shri C. Subramaniam: All that would be decided when we receive the recommendations of the Steering Group.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether it is a fact that the Steering Group is proceeding on the basis that the target of the Third Five Year Plan, namely, 10 million tons of steel ingots would be reached?

Shri C. Subramaniam: They are taking into account that it would be reaching 9 million tons of steel ingots instead of 10 million tons.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: May I know whether the Government is aware of the present problem of untested steel and, if so, what action Government propose to take in solving this problem?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I don't think this will come under this question. But we are aware of this problem and we are taking steps.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know the terms of reference given to the Steering Group and whether this committee has been asked to recom-