

(b) The composition and terms of reference of the Wage Board are being finalized.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह कब तक फाइनलाइज हो जायगी और इस को फाइनलाइज करने में क्यों इतनी देरी हो रही है ?

श्री र० कि० मालवीय : यह बहुत जल्दी हो जायेगी । जो टर्म्स फाइनलाइज होनी हैं उन में कुछ फार्मलिटीज की जरूरत है । यह काम जल्दी ही हो जायगा । कुछ मेम्बरों के एपाइंटमेंट में भारगेनाइजेशन की मंजूरी की जरूरत है । उस के आते ही यह काम फाइनलाइज कर दिया जायेगा ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जब मिनिस्टर साहब उस तरफ मुँह कर लेते हैं तो मैं नहीं सुन पाता ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस वेजबोर्ड में हमारी लोक सभा के भी किसी मेम्बर को रखने पर सरकार ने विचार किया है ?

श्री र० कि० मालवीय : जी हाँ, पार्लियामेंट का एक मेम्बर उस में है ।

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the Government considers that there is scope to raise the wages of the workers in the industry without increasing the cost of production?

Shri R. K. Malviya: That is a hypothetical question. We have to examine it; every time there is a demand from the employers. When any increase in wages is given, there is invariably a demand from the employers for an increase in the prices. In every case we have to examine it and on merits we do it.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether Government proposes to limit this wage board to the iron ore mines only or whether it will cover the manganese ore mines also?

Shri R. K. Malviya: No, Sir; at the moment it will cover only the iron ore mines. There is a separate board for dolomite and limestone; not for manganese.

Shri Dinen Bhattacharya: In view of the fact that there is a long-standing demand from the metal and engineering workers for a wage board, may I know whether Government has given any thought to it and whether a wage board will be set up for the engineering workers?

Shri R. K. Malviya: Not at present.

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: May I know whether any statistical data has been collected about the number of people employed throughout the country in iron ore mines?

Shri R. K. Malviya: Yes, Sir. The number employed in iron ore mines is 49,862.

Shri R. G. Dubey: May I know whether in forming these wage boards the requirements of the various regions will be taken into consideration?

Shri R. K. Malviya: Yes, Sir.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether this wage board has also considered the question of giving equal wages to women labourers as are given to men labourers?

Mr. Speaker: If they have not, they should consider it now.

Steel for Ordnance Factories

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 { Shri B. K. Das:
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 { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of requirements of steel for the Ordnance Factories now available from indigenous sources; and

(b) how the supply has been augmented from these sources after the declaration of emergency?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) About 95% of the present requirements of Steels are met from indigenous sources.

(b) The capacity of the Ordnance Factories is being supplemented by supplies from other Public and Private Sector Steel Plants. Cold rolled Sheets, which had to be imported previously, are now being supplied by Hindustan Steel Ltd., Rourkela and Shell bloom and billets by the other Plants.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether there is any item of production for which we have to depend entirely on the imported steel?

Shri Raghuramaiah: There are certain alloys like Ferro Tungsten, Ferro Vanadium and Ferro Chrome in regard to which we have to depend on imports.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know to what extent this demand for imported steel has gone up during the emergency?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Probably the hon. Member is asking a question about the total increase in the demand for the whole country. That, probably, the Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries will be able to give.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister has stated that about 95 per cent of the present requirements of steels are met from indigenous production of the steel factories at Rourkela and other steel plants. May I know whether there is any plan for the setting up of steel plants especially for the alloy steels by the Defence Ministry?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The House is aware that sometime back a decision was taken to set up an alloy steel factory. The matter is under further examination at the moment.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware of the news that has appeared in all the newspapers that supplies of alloy steel to the ordnance factories have been irregular; if so, whether a proper assessment has been made regarding the requirements and proper planning has been made regarding its proper supply to the ordnance factories?

Shri Raghuramaiah: As a matter of fact, the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries has made the necessary arrangements to meet the defence requirements by pooling all available resources in the country. Of course, it has been planned and it is going on

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श्री भागवत मा आजाद :
श्री प्र० चं० बरुआ :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में युद्धपोत और हेलीकाप्टर बनाने की योजनायें तैयार कर ली गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो योजनाओं का व्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) प्रत्येक मद के उत्पादन में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में उत्पादन मंत्री (श्री रघुरामैया) : (क) से (ग). सरकार ने दो फ्रांसीसी फर्मों के साथ हेलीकाप्टर निर्माण के लिए लाइसेंस एग्रीमेंट किया है। इस एग्रीमेंट के अधीन हेलीकाप्टरों के घटकों का प्रगतिशील निर्माण भारत में ही किया जायेगा। इस एग्रीमेंट के अधीन हेलीकाप्टर तथा इंजन का निर्माण हिन्दुस्तान एयर क्रफ्ट लिमिटेड बंगलोर को सौंपा गया है।