

LOK SABHA

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mechanised Brick Plant

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- *56. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for setting up of a Mechanized Brick Plant in Delhi;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) what will be the total expenditure involved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri P S. Naskar): (a) Yes. It is proposed to be set up by the National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited which is a fully Government owned Company.

(b) Negotiations for the import of necessary machinery are in progress.

(c) About Rs. 18.65 lakhs—Rs. 16.65 lakhs on the capital outlay and Rs. 2 lakhs on the working capital.

श्री बिशन चंद्र सेठ : मैं यह पूछना चाहता था कि जो ये मशीन से ईंटें बनायी

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जाएंगे। इनका सारा काम इलेक्ट्रिकल होगा या उसमें हैंड वर्क भी रहेगा, क्योंकि ऐसा इम्प्रेशन है कि अगर यहाँ यह फॅक्टरी लगी तो उसका नतीजा यह हो सकता है कि सारे देश में जो बहुत से आदमी ईंटें बनाने के काम में लगे हैं वे बेकार हो जाएंगे और यह काम मिकेनाइज्ड हो जाएगा ?

निर्माण, आवास तथा पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री मेहरचन्द खन्ना) : यह फॅक्टरी अभी तो सिर्फ देहली में लगेगी और तकरीबन चार करोड़ ईंटें हर साल निकालेगी। सारे देश पर इसका असर पड़ने वाला नहीं है।

श्री बिशन चंद्र सेठ : यह तो मैं भी समझ रहा हूँ मगर यह एक एग्जाम्पल बन रहा है इसलिए मैं जानना चाहता था कि इसमें कितने आदमियों का वर्क रहेगा और कितने आदमियों पर इसका असर पड़ेगा ?

श्री मेहरचन्द खन्ना : यह तफसील तो मैं नहीं जानता लेकिन मैं यह जानता हूँ कि इस से ईंटें सस्ते दामों पर मिला करेगी।

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether this plant will be of a commercial nature or will this plant be a pilot plant?

Shri P. S. Naskar: As I said, it is not directly being done by the Government but it is being done by a Corporation, namely, the NBCC and they will have it as a commercial proposition.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : नया इस बात का अन्दाजा लगाया गया है कि दिल्ली में जो निर्माण कार्य चला रहा है उसकी आवश्यकता के कितने परसेंटेज का पूर्ति इस से हो सकेगी ?

श्री मेहरचन्द खन्ना: यह कहना तो बड़ा मुश्किल है। दिल्ली में जिस तेजी से मकान बन रहे हैं उसको देखते हुए यह अन्दाजा लगाना मुश्किल है।

श्री बड़े : क्या यह सच है कि इस फंक्टरी के स्थापित होने से दिल्ली के दो हजार कुम्हार बेकर हो जाएंगे ?

श्री मेहरचन्द खन्ना : जब तक यहां पर अन्वयायोरोज्ड स्क्वैटिंग चल रहा है और मकान बन रहे हैं तब तक इस बात की कोई चिन्ता नहीं कि कोई आदमी बगैर काम के रह जाएगा।

Training Centres for Goldsmiths

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- Shri Subodh Hansda:
 - Shri S. C. Samanta:
 - Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 - Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 - Shri B. K. Das:
 - Shri Raghunath Singh:
 - Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:
 - Shri Koya:
 - Shri Kajrolkar:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to give training to goldsmiths in the use of fourteen carat gold for making ornaments and also propose to give financial assistance to them;

(b) if so, how many centres will be opened for this purpose; and

(c) in which places?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) to (c). The question of facilitating the use of gold alloys upto 14 carat in purity by goldsmiths is under consideration and it is not possible to indicate at this stage the actual measures which may be taken.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that the cost of manufacture of 14-ct. ornaments is

much more and, if so, whether the Government has assessed the cost of manufacture of these ornaments?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: If by cost the hon. Member means the wage component, it is true that 14 ct. gold is more difficult to handle and the wage component will be more. But that would benefit the goldsmiths because for every unit of 14-ct. gold they will earn more wages and more people will be employed.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: We are having a regular discussion on this. I have received a notice from 17 hon. Members and am going to allow some time for this particular discussion. Therefore there ought not to be many questions asked.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that these unemployed goldsmiths are in great distress, specially in Delhi where 10,000 of them have become unemployed? What immediate relief is going to be given to these people?

Mr. Speaker: The question of relief does not arise from this question.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether it has been examined if the usual tools that are being used now can also be used for making these 14-ct. ornaments?

Mr. Speaker: It is only the training that is in question in this.

Dr. M. S. Aney: May I know whether the Government is going to give any monetary assistance to these goldsmiths who want to get training in this institution as most of them are now unemployed and without any means to leave their houses and go anywhere else?

Mr. Speaker: Any scholarships for the trainees?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The whole matter of how to provide help to these