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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cost of Steel Production

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- *83. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

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

(a) whether measures to reduce the cost of steel production and expedite the movement of end-products have been recently considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the results of such consideration?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). The measures to reduce the cost of steel

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production and expedite the movement of end-products receive the constant attention of the Government. Steps are taken to rationalise the working and the methods of production so as to achieve reduction in cost. Similarly consultations are held with the Railways to reduce bottle-necks wherever they exist and which retard the movement of end-products. These matters were considered in a recent meeting of the General Managers and Directors of Hindustan Steel Limited.

Shri Subodh Hansda: What is the cost of production of steel in our country at present in the public sector in comparison with the private sector?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): As far as the works cost is concerned, it is about the same. The price will vary with reference to the categories of steel.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether any assessment was made at the initial stage about the cost of production and when the Government expects that the cost of production will come to that?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As it has been stated in the answer to the main question, we are constantly endeavouring to bring down the cost of production in the public sector steel plants. We are taking various measures for the purpose of bringing down the cost by finding out where there are likelihoods of reduction of cost and in those areas actions are being taken. I cannot give an exact date or period by which we would be able to achieve results.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : अभी उप-मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि इस्पात की उत्पादन लागत कम करने की दिशा में क्रम उठाये जा रहे हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह कौन-कौन से क्रम हैं जिनकी कि वजह से स्टील की कोस्ट कम हो जायगी और यह मेजर्स किन की सलाह से अख्तियार किये जा रहे हैं ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): The hon. Member wants to know the steps being taken to reduce the cost of production.

Shri C. Subramaniam: First of all, we try to bring about economy in the use of fuel, then improve the efficiency of production of hard metal as well as steel. Then, in the shaping of steel also, there are possibilities of economy. We are looking into all these things. For each factory, we have fixed up a programme. That is being implemented.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know if the cost differs from State to State and from place to place within India, if the hon. Minister is aware?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This is with reference to the cost of production in the plants.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अभी उप-मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि उन्होंने स्टील फैक्टरीज के जनरल मैनेजर्स और हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लिमिटेड के डायरेक्टर्स की एक मीटिंग बुला कर उन से बात-चीत की है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उस बात-चीत में कौन सी ऐसी बात सामने आई है जिसके कि अनुसार पता चला कि स्टील का कोस्ट आरू प्रोडक्शन कम हो जायगा ?

इस्पात और भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री प्र० बं० सेठी) : जनरल मैनेजर्स और डायरेक्टर्स आफ हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लिमिटेड की एक मीटिंग बुला कर जिन बातों पर विचार किया गया उन के बारे में मंत्री

महोदय ने अभी प्रकाश डाला है। सब से पहले फ्यूल का मामला है और उसके इस्तेमाल में किस तरह से कमी करके एकोनामी की जाय। इसके अलावा हाई मैटल और स्टील के प्रोडक्शन में एकशिफ्ट लायें और दूसरी ऐसी मदों पर विचार किया गया जिससे स्टील प्रोडक्शन की कोस्ट में कमी आयें।

Shri Daji: Have we worked out the comparative cost structures of the Durgapur, Bhilai, Rourkela and Bhadravati and if so, what are they?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes. We have worked. But, I am sorry, I cannot give the figures immediately. If the hon. Minister is interested, I can give, later on.

श्री बेरवा-कोटा : अभी हाल में लोहा इस्पात व्यापारी संघ की सभा में यह विचार रखा था कि इस्पात की उत्पादन-लागत घटाई जानी चाहिये ? अगर हाँ, तो व्यापारियों की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know whether there was a meeting with the traders, and if so, what the discussions were?

Shri C. Subramaniam: That would not arise out of the main question.

Medium-sized Steel Plants

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Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Vishram Prasad:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the British delegation to the Joint symposium on "Recent Developments in Iron and Steel-making" has recommended the establishment of medium-sized one lakh ton steel plant in