

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :** अभी उप-मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया 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 बतलाया कि उन्होंने स्टील फैक्टरीज के जनरल मैनेजर्स और हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लिमिटेड के डाइरेक्टर्स 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 डाइरेक्टर्स 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 मैटेल और स्टील के प्रोडक्शन में एकशिफ्ट लायें और दूसरी ऐसी मदों पर विचार किया गया जिससे स्टील प्रोडक्शन की कोस्ट में कमी आये।

**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

certain selected areas in the country;  
and

(b) whether this proposal has been examined with a view to implement it?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi):** (a) Yes, Sir. One of the papers presented at the international symposium on "Recent Developments in Iron and Steel Making" held at Jamshedpur, suggested that both large scale and small scale (1 lakh tonnes) plants should be carefully considered before a decision is taken in planning further production of steel.

(b) The suggestion as such has not so far been considered in detail.

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** As and when the suggestion will be implemented, may I know whether the question regarding imbalance in the regional development will also be one of the factors which will be taken into consideration along with the availability of raw materials and other supplies?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):** Yes, that is always taken into consideration. As a matter of fact, the suggestion of small-scale plants is based on this also.

**Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:** May I know whether there was a proposal from the Maharashtra Government for the establishment of a medium-size plant in Chanda district in Maharashtra?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** This is not for steel plants; it is for production of pig iron.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know the basis of selection of the areas where these steel plants are proposed to be set up?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** The raw material availability, the economics of production, all these are taken into consideration in locating the plants.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether some Indian experts also submitted such proposals before this symposium?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Yes, many papers were presented at this symposium, and many Indian experts also participated in it.

**Shri Bhakt Darshan:** Sir, as regards the suggestion made by the British Delegation, may I know by what time a final decision is expected on it?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** That will be with regard to the Fourth Plan programmes. Therefore, when we finalise the Fourth Plan programme of steel production this also will be taken into consideration.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Is it a fact that at the International Steel Symposium held at Jamshedpur, the British specialist or expert suggested the establishment of coast-based steel plants on the model of those in Japan, and if so, has that suggestion been accepted by Government?

**Mr. Speaker:** That would be a different thing altogether.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** I am referring to coast-based steel plants.

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** These plants are not only in Japan, but in many countries now they are tending towards coast-based steel plants. We have also to consider it and that is under the consideration of Government.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह:** इन्ही सदन में यह आश्वासन दिलाया गया था कि छोटे प्लांट्स की कैपेसिटी को बढ़ाया जायगा और नये प्लांट्स की जरूरत नहीं पड़ेगी तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन छोटे प्लांट्स की कैपेसिटी को किस हद तक बढ़ाया गया है ?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** We have to consider both the expansion as also the establishment of new plants, and the decision will have to be taken on the merits of each case.