

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Into India.

Mr. Speaker: We are not concerned with smuggling gold into India.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: They are involved in gold smuggling.

Mr. Speaker: No, no. Shri Yashpal Singh.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि स्वर्णकारों को जो चौदह कैंट का गोल्ड दिया जाता है, वह किस रेट पर दिया जाता है और उस के जेवर बेचने के लिये क्या रेट मुकर्रर है और दोनों में क्या प्रोपोर्शन है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह अलहदा बात है ।

Let us go to the next question Shri P. C. Borooah....

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: Sir, I am sorry, I did not hear you when you called my Question No. 1035.

Mr. Speaker: Now he will have to wait. I am not to blame. I called him, looked at him and still he did not listen. What am I to do? If he had something more urgent with him, how can I help him? Now, Shri P. C. Borooah....

Structural Steel

*1037. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to set up a special unit for fabrication and erection of structural steel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. A. Mehdi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the requisite details is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

A workshop has been set up at Agra by the National Projects Con-

struction Corporation. It undertakes repairs of machinery and will also in due course of time manufacture such of the spare parts as can be economically manufactured in the workshop. As a result of expansion of the activities of the Corporation, it will also be used as "BASE" for the fabrication work and erection of steel structural works.

2. The fabrication of structural steel and its erection has been divided into 9 different functions viz.:—

- (i) Cutting Section.
- (ii) Bending & Straightening Section.
- (iii) Drilling Section.
- (iv) Welding Section.
- (v) Rivetting Section.
- (vi) Machine Shop.
- (vii) Foundry & Smithy Shop.
- (viii) Material Handling & Stacking Section.
- (ix) Transport & Erection Section.

3. Machinery and equipment worth Rs. 40 lakhs will be purchased for the works of fabrication and erection of steel structural works.

4. With the help of this equipment it will be possible to achieve the following targets:

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| (i) Fabrication : | 4000 tons per year. |
| (ii) Erection : | 6000 tons per year. |

It is, however, expected that with gradual development and increase in the work-load, it will be possible to reach an 'Erection' target of 15000 tons per year in due course of time.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the proposed unit forms part of the expansion scheme of the Hindustan Steel; if so, what assistance Hindustan Steel is going to render for the establishment of this unit?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): This has nothing to do with the Hindustan Steel's project. This workshop has been set up by the National Projects Construction Corporation to assist them in their works which need fabrication etc.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether the construction cost of the public sector projects implemented through private contractors is considered to be high; if so, how far the setting up of this unit will reduce the cost of establishment of public sector projects

Shri Alagesan: It has been calculated that this workshop will be quite paying and it will earn quite a considerable percentage of dividend.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether the Government has set up a team to help the State in the examination of the soundness of structural steel works such as welding?

Shri Alagesan: I am not aware of it.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether any assessment has been made regarding the requirement of structural steel in the country; if so, whether after the establishment of this workshop and its going into the fullest production that requirement will be met or what percentage of it will be met?

Shri Alagesan: It is all given in the statement. The fabrication will be, to begin with, 4000 tons per year.

Mr. Speaker: If it is given in the statement, he need not repeat it.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: It has not been mentioned as to what percentage of the requirement will be met.

Mr. Speaker: The percentage is to be calculated; the figures are given.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: It has also not been mentioned here as to what would be the total production and

what is the total requirement in the country.

Shri Alagesan: Sir, it has been calculated, to begin with, that fabrication would be to the extent of 4000 tons per year and erection will be 6000 tons per year. Ultimately, the erection may reach a target of 15000 tons per year. This will be able to satisfy the needs of that corporation.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the machinery worth Rs. 40 lakhs mentioned in the statement are available within the country, if not, how much time it will take for the Government to secure them and get the workshop going?

Shri Alagesan: This workshop has already started functioning. Most of this machinery will have to be got from abroad.

Shri K. C. Pant: May I know when this workshop will start functioning and by when this erection target of 15000 tons per year will be reached?

Shri Alagesan: As I said, it has already started functioning in a small way. It has built bodies of 26 newly purchased trucks which are at present being used in various projects. It has also manufactured two derricks of 80 feet length which were carried to Nepal. The land acquisition is proceeding. After the entire land has been...

Mr. Speaker: When would the target be reached?

Shri Alagesan: I am not able to say that about the target of 15,000 tons.

Plantation Labour Housing Scheme

*1038. **Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Plantation Labour Housing Scheme during the first two years of the Third Plan; and