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Wednesday, April 29, 1964/Vaisakha
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Naharkatiya Fertilizer Project

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Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naharkatiya Fertilizer Factory has received a set-back due to dislocation of work on account of the emergency;

(b) if so, how far is has gone behind schedule;

(c) the progress of work at present; and

(d) when it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The time schedule has gone behind by about a year, partly due to the emergency and incessant rains but mainly on account of the difficulty experienced in connection with the designing of compressor and moving machinery foundations on soil with poor load bearing capacity.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The factory is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1966.

Statement

The progress of work on the Naharkatiya Fertilizer Project is given below:—

Survey of the whole area (809.92 acres) for the project has been completed. Land acquisition is also complete except for an area of 3 acres. Compensation amounting to nearly Rs. 20 lakhs has been paid.

2. 100% of the main factory area and 60% of the township area have been levelled. Out of 29 KM of road to be built in the factory and the township area 6 Km have been constructed. Out of 900 residential quarters to be built, 216 houses have been constructed and service connections given.

3. 85% of plant design and 35% of civil design are complete. Out of 16,000 Rft. of 24" diameter pipe for permanent water supply from the Dilli river, 11,600 Rft. have been laid. 1995 tonnes of imported plant and equipment out of a total of 8000 tonnes (approximate) have been received at site. 705 tonnes are on the way.

4. Formal agreement for the purchase of Natural Gas from Oil India Ltd. for a period of 10 years, is being executed. Price for power supply is under negotiation with the Assam State Electricity Board.

Shri Subodh Hansda: I would like to know whether it is a fact that the machinery required for this fertiliser plant is imported through Kandla

Port. I would also like to know as to what the difficulties are in importing it through Calcutta or a nearby port and whether this would not add to the cost of transport.

Shri Alagesan: I think, we have not yet gone to that stage. I do not know whether it is going to be imported only at Kandla Port or otherwise. I think, the best mode of transport will be arranged.

Shri Subodh Hansda: I would like to know whether the ammonium sulphate plant that is to be installed there will be manufactured in our country or it will be imported from outside and, if it is to be manufactured in our country, I would like to know the name of the factory which will manufacture that plant.

Shri Alagesan: We will call for tenders for the machinery to be imported. A part of it may be made here as we have somewhat advanced in the manufacture of fertiliser machinery. So, to the extent we can fabricate or manufacture them here we shall go in for Indian-made machinery; but the rest of it we will have to import.

Shri S. C. Samanta: From the statement I find that land acquisition is also complete. May I know whether compensation has been given and whether land for land will be arranged for them?

Shri Alagesan: Compensation amounting to Rs. 20 lakhs has been paid. That is mentioned in the statement in the first paragraph.

Shri N. R. Laskar: For the big increase in our national economy I am quite sure that this particular type of industry should be developed immediately in our country. I think, of late the Planning Commission has also realised it. In view of this I would like to know as to what are the steps taken to construct the fertiliser units within the targeted dates.

Shri Alagesan: We would like to have all our projects commissioned

within the target dates; but, unfortunately, certain events intrude and we are not able to fulfil the targets as we desire. In this case there was the emergency. More important than that is the soil condition. Suppose, we put up the factory on poor soil then we will have to rue it. So, we are examining the soil conditions and after a thorough examination if the soil is found fit—I think, we will have to move to a distance somewhat away from the present site chosen—then we will be able to proceed with it.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if it is a fact that certain imported machineries for this Naharkatiya fertiliser plant were ultimately found to be not up to the standard and some of them did not work satisfactorily? Is that one of the reasons for the dislocation of work in this plant?

Shri Alagesan: We have not yet reached that stage at all.

Shri D. J. Naik: What will be the total cost of the township, when will the township be completed and what will be the percentage of the cost of the township to that of the factory?

Shri Alagesan: As it is, the estimated total cost is Rs. 16 crores and the foreign exchange content is Rs. 6.9 crores. I do not have the break-up and the cost of the township separately.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: The statement shows progress on different fronts. May I know by what time possibly the rest of the work will be completed and once it goes into production, what would be its initial capacity?

Shri Alagesan: This fertiliser factory will produce 1 lakh tons of ammonium sulphate and 55,000 tons of urea. It will be commissioned, as I said, by the end of 1966.

Shri A. P. Sharma: In view of the project being behind schedule by one year, I want to know whether the cost will be the same or it will go up.

Shri Alagesan: I only said it is an estimate. I am not able to say whether it will go up or not.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : प्रश्न के उत्तर में देर का कारण इमर्जेन्सी बताया गया है। इमर्जेन्सी के टाइम की वजह से तो काम में तेजी आनी चाहिए थी। यह उल्टा कैसे हो गया कि काम में मुस्ती आ गई ?

श्री हुमायून् कबिर : मुश्किल तो यह है कि जमीन है, लेकिन इमारत नहीं बनाई जा सकी है, क्योंकि वह जमीन ज्यादा बोझ नहीं सहन कर सकती हैं। इमर्जेन्सी की वजह से उस जमीन का कैरेक्टर तो नहीं बदल जायेगा।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अगर रुपये की और जगह जरूरत पड़ जाये, तो क्या किया जाये ?

Shri Priya Gupta: The Minister said that there were some soil-bearing difficulties and some other hindrances were there. May I know whether all this was not examined prior to approving the scheme and what are the improvised methods to overcome these soil difficulties and to instal the machinery and what is the extra expenditure involved for that.

Shri Alagesan: It is not a question of extra expenditure. The collaborators were not satisfied with soil conditions. They wanted a second examination. We have asked M/s. Cementation India Ltd. to go into the whole thing and on their report the foundation designs will be made by our collaborators. It is not a question of extra expenditure. Supposing we had gone for a defective site, then it would have meant extra cost.

Perspective Plan for Education

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Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti.
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
***1234. Shri Bishan Chander Seth:**

Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Dhaon:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. J. Naik:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a central planning group has been constituted to prepare the broad outlines of a perspective plan to cover next fifteen years ;

(b) if so, the composition of the group and the precise nature of job it has to perform; and

(c) when the group will go into all the stages and aspects of education and submit its report?

The Minister of Education (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2805/64].

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : श्रीमन्, इस स्टेटमेंट में लिखा गया है :

"It will submit its recommendation separately on each issue taken up for study so that early implementation will be possible."

मे यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इस स्टडी ग्रुप के सामने मुख्य इश्यूज क्या हैं ? What are the chief issues and will it also go into the question of implementation?

Shri M. C. Chagla: There are no specific issues. The idea is that this working group should think of the Fourth Five Year Plan and what shape education should take in the context of the future projecting upto 1980 or 1981. It is a small working group which meets once in two months and considers different aspects of education. Working papers are prepared and we are really thinking of how