

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is in the question itself.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is in the question and in the statement.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** The facts disclosed in this statement have all the makings of a major muddle in this matter. Would the Government be prepared either to appoint a committee of Members of Parliament or of experts to go into the whole question of the quantum of demurrage paid by them and what can be done to streamline the procedures which are existing and are responsible for the delay?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is a parliamentary committee which had gone into it i.e. The Estimates Committee. I do not know how the hon. Member thinks that another committee would improve matters.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** They only helped to detect it.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** What in terms of rupees is the actual value of the 12 to 14 packages that were there?

**Shri P. C. Sethi:** Rs. 18 crores.

#### Zinc Plant at Udaipur

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- \*183. { **Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Dhaon:**  
**Shri Bishanchander Sethi.**  
**Shri M. Rampure:**  
**Shri D. D. Mantri:**  
**Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are contemplating to enter as a partner in the establishment of the Zink smelting plant at Udaipur (Rajasthan); and

(b) if so, whether this plant will be in the public sector or in private sector?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri Thimmaiah):** (a) and (b). The affairs of the Metal Corporation of India are under examination and Government have not come to any final conclusion in the matter.

**Shri Kashi Ram Gupta:** How much more time will be taken for finalising this matter and will both the Governments be partners or will it be left only to the State Government?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam):** It is under active consideration. I hope to take a speedy decision in this matter. As it is, only the State Government has participated.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** What are the broad features of the proposal for the Central Government's participation and what are the main considerations necessitating such participation?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** The cost of the project has considerably increased now. Even though it is in the private sector, I find that it has increased by almost double. The original estimate was Rs. 670 lakhs and the present estimate is Rs. 1,163 lakhs, that is, almost double. It is in the private sector and therefore you cannot blame and say that this happens only in the public sector. They are unable to find the necessary finances for that. Therefore now we have to go into the feasibility of this project and see whether it is worth while for the Government of India to step in and take over this project.

**श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :** जैसा मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया इसमें २० लाख रुपया लगा है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसमें कितना रुपया केन्द्रीय सरकार देगी और कितना रुपया राज्य सरकार देगी। राज्य सरकारों से भी क्या कोई इस तरह की मांग की गई है।

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** The Rajas-  
than Government has contributed  
about Rs. 25 lakhs in the equity parti-  
cipation. The Central Government as  
such has not contributed anything in  
the equity participation, but the  
Finance Corporation has given a loan  
of Rs. 1 crore out of which Rs. 75  
lakhs have already been drawn.

**Iron Ore Export to Japan**

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\*184. { **Shri Gokulananda Mohanty:**  
**Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:**

Will the Minister of **International  
Trade** be pleased to State:

(a) how much iron ore is being ex-  
ported from Madras, Goa, Malpe,  
Bombay and other west coast ports  
during 1964-65;

(b) how much was exported in  
1962-63 and 1963-64;

(c) F.O.B.T. paid at each port; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Japan  
has already warned that if loading is  
not mechanised, the trade in iron ore  
may be cancelled?

**The Minister of International Trade  
(Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b):  
A statement giving the required infor-  
mation about the export of iron ore is  
laid on the Table of the House. [*Plac-  
ed in Library. See No. LT-2948/64.*]

(c) It is presumed that the hon.  
Member seeks information in regard  
to F.O.B.T. charges on iron ore paid  
at different Ports. A statement indi-  
cating the same including all the  
charges is also placed on the Table of  
the House.

(d) No, Sir.

**Shri G. Mohanty:** What is the quan-  
tity of iron ore stockpiled at each of  
these ports awaiting export?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The quantities  
are small compared to the export of  
about 10 million tonnes. The total  
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at the ports is less than half a million  
tonnes.

**Shri G. Mohanty:** Are we unable to  
load the stipulated quantity in the  
trade agreement; if so, why?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No; it is not  
less than the trade agreement; rather,  
in some cases we have exceeded the  
trade agreements.

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I  
know whether it is a fact that the  
mechanisation of the ports is not go-  
ing according to time schedule and,  
if so, what steps Government propose  
to take to expedite the whole thing  
and to see that the export of iron ore  
is done as expeditiously as possible.

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** As far as the  
Madras port is concerned, the mech-  
anisation is being completed right on  
time. As regards Vishakhapatnam,  
there was an unfortunate accident  
which has delayed it by six months.  
For other ports, the Master Plan is  
being continuously implemented.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** From the state-  
ment put in here, I find that the  
Mangalore port in the year 1962-63  
and 1963-64 was exporting or is ex-  
pected to export 1.89 lakh tons and 2  
lakh tons respectively while all the  
three ports in my constituency, that  
is, Karwar, Belikeri and Honavar  
have a capacity of 4.88 lakh tons and  
6.50 lakh tons which is almost double  
or treble that of the Mangalore port. I  
want to know whether the Ministry  
has recommended that the port of  
Karwar may be mechanised as  
quickly as possible and also the rail-  
way line may be connected from  
Hubli to Karwar.

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** So many  
involved questions are there. But I  
can assure the hon. Member that  
mechanisation of every port is under  
our programme.

**Mr. Speaker:** His constituency must  
be given due consideration.

**Shri Nath Pai:** In the statement it  
is stated that the anticipated exports