

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : असल में इटैग्रेल कोच फैक्टरी में एक प्रोटोटाइप मीटर गेज टुईन डीजेल रेल कार हाल में बनाई गई है। इंजन बनाने की बात अलग से चल रही है। डीजेल रेल इंजन अशोक लैंड, हिन्दुस्तान एयर क्राफ्ट लिमिटेड बंगलौर और किरॉल-स्कर बनाना चाहते हैं और उसकी चर्चा वहां चल रही है।

श्री अ० प्र० शर्मा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह डिजेल एलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन अधिक से अधिक रेलवे करने जा रही है तो क्या रेलवे ने तय कर लिया है कि इस तरीके से जो बड़े बड़े स्टीम लोकोमोटिव्स हैं उनका वे इस्तेमाल बन्द कर देंगे ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : असल में पहले के जो बड़े-बड़े स्टीम लोकोमोटिव्स हैं उनको एकदम से उठाने की कोई बात नहीं है, धीरे-धीरे उनको रिप्लेस किया जायेगा। लेकिन अभी फिलहाल वे पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना तक तो चलते ही रहेंगे।

Dr. Ranen Sen: In Banaras there is the workshop under the State sector to produce these diesel engines. What is the idea behind producing these diesel rail cars in Perambur instead of trying to develop those prototypes in Banaras workshop?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: At Varanasi, diesel locomotives are manufactured. Here this question concerns only the manufacture of a prototype diesel rail car coach. So, only coaches have been manufactured there, and the Integral Coach Factory is meant for that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Bokaro Steel Project

Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri H. C. Soy:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Shri K. C. Pant:
Shri T. Subramanyam:
Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:
Shri P. G. Sen:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:

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

(a) whether the final agreement on Bokaro Steel Plant design has been concluded with the U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, the broad terms thereof;

(c) to what extent and in what manner the Indian consulting firm of Dastur and Company will be associated with this project; and

(d) what remuneration has been agreed to be paid to Dastur and Company?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (d). An Indo-Soviet Agreement regarding Bokaro is expected to be concluded shortly. It has been however agreed with the Soviet authorities that the Soviet organization will prepare a detailed project report. While Indian agencies will be associated with the engineering of Bokaro, the extent of such association, including that of

Dastur and Company is to be determined after the detailed project report is ready.

Export of Cotton Textiles to Saudi Arabia

- *94. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is fast losing market for cotton textiles in Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether suggestions to improve the situation have been received from the Indian Trade Representative there; and

(d) if so, the extent to which these have been implemented?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The exports of cotton textiles to Saudi Arabia during the past few years have been more or less stationary as under:—

Year	Value Rs. lakhs
1960-61	67.4
1961-62	59.0
1962-63	54.3
1963-64	58.1

(b) The main reasons for this are:—

- (i) Preferential treatment is customs tariffs enjoyed by Arab countries like U.A.R. and Syria; and
- (ii) Keen competition from other exporting countries like Japan, Pakistan, etc.

(c) and (d). The main suggestion made by the Indian Trade Representative in Saudi Arabia was that Indian manufacturers/exporters should send their representatives to negotiate business personally and that they should visit that region frequently. The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council has already taken up this matter with the exporters. The Council is also examining the question of how best to meet the competition from other countries. However, in cotton textiles, when every country is trying to develop indigenously and when practically every exporting country's exports of cotton textiles are continuously declining, the scope for large increases is limited.

Trade with Sudan

- *95. { Shri Vishram Prasad:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri M. Rampure:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian industrial and trade delegation held negotiations with Government officials and private sectors in Khartoum recently in order to increase the trade between the two countries;

(b) if so, the outcome of the negotiations; and

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in the matter and if so, the broad features thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) An Industrialists Goodwill Delegation sponsored by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry with the support of the Government of India