

this question would be decided only on the basis of experts opinion and no political considerations would be allowed to come in?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: The Government is thinking on those lines and it will come to a fair decision.

Shri Bade: Is it a fact that there was some misunderstanding and therefore the officers of the Madhya Pradesh Government could not meet the consortium people with the result that the Madhya Pradesh Government could not place its views before the consortium?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: No, Sir. The Chief Minister has placed the point of view of the Madhya Pradesh Government before the Central Government. He has already submitted a memorandum. He has met and the Prime Minister also.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: May I know who in the Steel Ministry is responsible for misguiding this BASIC Team about the Goa metre gauge link, because over and above the steel plants the Railway Minister has already proposed that the Goa Metre Gauge link should be converted into broad gauge and this factor alone seems to have affected adversely the team?

Shri P. C. Sethi: Nobody has mis-guided the team.

Shri R. S. Pandey: In order to establish this steel plant, I want to know, is it not a fact that in the Bailadila area in Madhya Pradesh high grade iron ore is available which is very favourable to have a steel plant there and, secondly, is it not true that crores of rupees have been spent in order to have a complete survey which goes in favour of Bailadila?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: It is not so.

Mr. Speaker: Members are pleading to get the plant in their areas. These may be examined on merits.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Nepa Newsprint Mill

***692. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nepa Newsprint Mill is facing acute shortage of raw material;

(b) whether this acute shortage is likely to further accentuate because of the failure of the mill to re-plant the planned forest area with trees which supply the raw material; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken to avert this crisis?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Refractory Plant at Bhilai

***701. Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the detailed project report from the Russian Consultants or setting up a refractory Plant at Bhilai for supplying refractories to the Steel Plants has been received;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to give effect to the recommendations made therein; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Project Report submitted by the Russian Consultants is under examination. A decision will be taken by the Government after the examination has been completed.

Export of Coal Mining Machinery

***702. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export coal mining machinery to earn foreign exchange; and