

Engineer Experts and advisers in respect of the Khetri Copper Project.

- (ii) The French Group will provide the necessary plant and machinery to equip the mine and to process the ore and furnish designs, drawings specifications of the mine, concentrator, smelter (except Flash Process) and refinery and also layout of a sulphuric acid and fertilizer plant.
- (iii) The entire foreign exchange requirement of the project including design charges, cost of the equipment and charges for deputing foreign technical personnel to India, will be met by the French Group from out of the Consortium Credit.
- (iv) In case the bids of the French Group for at least 85 per cent of the imported equipment are accepted, the charges stipulated by the French Group (Rs. 7.28 lakhs) various items of work viz. for geological studies concerning the mine, preparation of tender specifications, evaluation of bids etc. will be waived.
- (v) In the event of the French bid not being accepted, it would be open to the Corporation to procure the equipment from any other country according to the design and specification prescribed by the French engineers.
- (vi) In designing the project maximum amount of plant and equipment of indigenous manufacture and available in India would be used.

(c) & (d). The project report was prepared by M/s Western Knap Engineering Company who are at present the consultants of NDMC. But in respect of the Flash smelting process which is being adopted, the World patent rights are held by the Finish Firm, M/s Outokumpu Helsinki. The

Corporation proposes to purchase the flash smelting process from the Finnish Credit. The French group will however remain responsible for the supervision, erection and co-ordination in respect of the plant as a whole.

New Mineral Projects

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

(a) whether Government have under consideration any scheme to start preliminary surveys to determine the feasibility of setting up mine mineral projects in the country to meet the requirements during the Fourth Plan period; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). A number of feasibility studies have been undertaken and a statement giving information regarding them is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4657/65].

Recovery of Rails from a Kanpur Firm

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 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a truck