

Shri Kapur Singh: The Minister might return a very good answer if you let him.

Mr. Speaker: I will allow him to answer if it is going to be a very good answer!

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is a profit. I did not follow what the hon. Member said.

Mr. Speaker: Would the Government stop the mentality of the bania and try to govern properly.

Shri Manubhai Shah: The House desires that the Government must govern properly.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know what is the total quantity and the value of non-ferrous metals, if any, imported by this Corporation in 1964-65?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It varies from time to time; it is something like 18,000 tons of lead and may be about 12,000 tons of aluminium. In that particular year, copper and zinc were not imported.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: What is the value?

Shri Manubhai Shah: About Rs. 3.7 crores.

Shri S. C. Samanta: The hon. Minister said that in 1964-65, there was a profit. May I know whether this Corporation was suffering a loss during the last four or five years?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No; it was never losing. But I may caution the House that iron ore prices in the world are not the same as they were in the past, and we may have to bear further losses.

Russian Collaboration for Coal Development

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Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Dr. Sarojini Mahishi:

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

(a) whether a Soviet delegation visited India to discuss the question of Soviet collaboration with the National Coal Development Corporation in its projects for the development of India's coking coal resources during the Fourth Plan period;

(b) whether the Soviet assistance would be utilised mainly for heavy earth moving machinery and other mining equipment;

(c) the extent to which the various projects prepared by the National Coal Development Council were studied by the Soviet experts to ascertain the Soviet help needed for their execution; and

(d) the proposed scheme for National Coal Development Corporation's efforts for increasing its present output of coking coal?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Thimmalah): (a) to (c). A Soviet delegation is, at present, in India for discussing the question of giving assistance for the development of some of the coking coal mines of the National Coal Development Corporation. The delegation has not yet completed its studies. The scope of the assistance will be settled after the delegation submits its report.

(d) New coking coal mines are being opened in the Central Jharia, Bokaro and Ramgarh coalfields. The production from existing mines is also being increased,

श्री यशपाल सिंह : सरकार ने यह बात बार-बार कही है कि हमारे पास ज़रूरत से ज्यादा कोयला है। बजट के बाद तक सरकार ने कहा है कि जितनी डिमांड नहीं है उतना हम कोयला सप्लाई कर सकते हैं। तो चार 6 महीने में ही

यह क्या हुआ कि दूसरे मुल्कों से सहायता लेनी पड़ी ?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): He is making a mistake. We are surplus in the ordinary coal, but we have to increase the production of coking coal. I have been repeatedly saying that coking coal for the steel plants will be absolutely necessary and therefore we are taking the assistance only for coking coal.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : इस्पात कारखानों के लिए इस वक्त जो विशेष कोयला प्राप कहते हैं उसकी कितनी जरूरत देश में से पूरी होता है और कितना मंगाना पड़ता है, और कब तक हम इस मामले में स्वावलम्बी हो जाएंगे ?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: I may point out that in the fourth Plan we are proposing to increase it to another 25 million tons of coking coal. We are not going to open pits for the inferior variety. We can produce much more even with the existing capacity to meet the fourth Plan demands, but for coking coal we have to go much deeper. We have Polish assistance; there are already deep mines under construction, and the Russians also may assist us later.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : कितना मंगाना पड़ा ?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: It is 25 million tons; I said so even in the beginning.

Shri S. C. Samanta: We are told that this Corporation is running at a loss. May I know whether by this Polish collaboration we will have some extra coal produced so that we will be able to make up the loss?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: The position is like this. The capital expenditure for opening new mines is there; and we could have produced coal, but because the market demand is dull, we are

now concentrating only on coking coal, and we will have to sink more money in the coking coal mines. I hope we will be able to produce and make profits later on.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : नेशनल कोल डेवेलपमेंट काउंसिल के द्वारा तैयार परियोजनाओं में यंत्रों तथा मशीनों का प्रयोग किया जाएगा। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वे ज्यादातर देशी हैं या विदेशी, यदि कुछ विदेशी हैं तो उनका कितना प्रतिशत है, और क्या भागे यह सम्भावना है कि कुछ मशीनरी बाहर से मंगायी जाएगी ? उसका मूल्य क्या होगा ?

Shri Thimmaiah: To the maximum extent, we will use the indigenous equipment. Only those equipment which are not available in India will be supplied by Russia.

श्री सरजू पाण्डेय : यह जो सोवियत डेलीगेशन हिन्दुस्तान में आया था क्या वह मशीनों के बारे में जांच करेगा या कुछ नई खानों के इम्प्रूवमेंट के बारे में जांच कर रहा है ?

Shri Thimmaiah: We have given them all the data and details and the experts who have come here are studying it with our own experts.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या जो पहली खानें हैं वे उन्हीं के डेवेलपमेंट के बारे में जांच कर रहे हैं या नहीं खानों को डेवेलप करने की कोशिश में हैं ?

Shri Thimmaiah: Under this project, we will take up 5 existing mines and 7 new mines. A total of 12 mines will be taken up for development.

श्री हुकम चन्द कल्लवाय : रूसी सहायता से जो कोयले का हम विकास करना चाहते हैं उसकी रूपरेखा क्या होगी ? आज जो हमारी कोकिंग कोयला की कमी है उसको कहां से पूरा किया जाएगा ?

Shri Thimmalah: When these projects are taken up, we hope to produce about 10 million tonnes of extra coking coal.

Shri A. P. Sharma: Besides Russian collaboration, consideration was given to collaboration with any other countries and if so, what were the terms of the different countries?

Mr. Speaker: This question relates to Russian collaboration. Next question.

15-Year Steel Plan

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Shri Kapur Singh:

*632. **Shri Solanki:**

Shri P. K. Deo:

Shri Narasimha Reddy:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a news-item published in the 'Economic Times' dated the 6th October, 1965 (front page, cc. 2-4) to the effect that the Centre is preparing a 15-year steel plan to bring about a change in the pattern of production in the existing steel plants; and

(b) if so the broad features of the plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Mines (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A perspective plan for the development of the iron and steel industry over 10-15 years is under preparation. Such a plan will among other things cover the planning required to meet Defence requirements and to generally achieve self-sufficiency as soon as possible.

Shri Kapur Singh: Is this proposed plan in any way likely to impinge upon our plans for increased food production?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): No, Sir; this has no bearing on that.

Shri Nath Pai: May I know whether in this proposed ambitious plan for the next 15 years, the emphasis is only on producing more steel or to make up for the deficiencies in vital sectors like alloy and special steels and if so, what are the aspects in regard to them?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: The point is, to plan for a steel plant even for capacity of 1 million tonnes, it takes about five years and for the expansion, it takes another 5 years. So, unless you plan for 10 or 15 years, it is difficult. Regarding my friend, Mr. Nath Pai's question, alloy steel plants will be given greater importance. For that, we will have to get some technical "know-how". Not only in the public sector, but in the private sector also, we are encouraging people to put up small alloy plants of 10,000 or 20,000 tonnes. In addition to the Durgapur alloy steel plant, we are thinking of putting up another alloy plant. All these aspects are being considered, but no final decision has been taken till now.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know whether the requirements of the country for 15 years have been projected and if so, what are those requirements? May I know whether the French entrepreneurs have agreed to set up a plant in collaboration with us or any other collaborators have been invited for the additional projects?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: Unless we are ready with our plan, there is no point in talking to the foreign collaborators. They are showing interest—the Anglo-American, French and German private sector are also showing willingness to collaborate with us. But we should be ready with our own plan first and then only we will be in a position to say what type of collaboration and what percentage of assistance would be needed.

Shri Sivamurthi Swamy: May I know within these 15 years, how many factories are going to be set up and where?