

Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

*80. Shri A. S. Alva: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd. is experiencing any difficulty with their foreign collaborators and whether any inordinate delay has occurred in the target date fixed for production;

(b) whether the foreign collaboration is by a private firm of France or by the French Government; and

(c) when the production is likely to commence?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) to (c). The Foreign Collaborator is M/s. Bauchet et Cie, France (a Private Firm). According to the Agreement, all the Sections in the Factory were to go into production by the end of 1963. Early enough, it was recognised by both the parties that the Schedule dates were unrealistic and as early as November, 1962, discussions were held between the parties and the target dates both for completion of civil works and dates of Start-up in the various Sections were reviewed. In March 1963, letters were exchanged modifying the dates, according to which the factory was to be made ready to commence production by June 1964. Meantime, the Management of the Collaborators changed hands and in the light of discussions held with the new management during the latter half of 1964, the dates of Start-up were once again revised according to which the Base Casting Section was to go into production in April, 1965. Unfortunately, Base Casting drums which were imported were found to be defective in certain respects and the harm had to be rectified. The Base Casting section is expected to go into production in December 1965. The Conversion Section is already functioning.

There have been some differences with the management of the Collaborators in construing the agreement, but this is not unusual in a project

of this complexity and these have to be and are being settled by mutual negotiations.

Coal Targets in Third Plan

*81. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed for production of coking and non-coking coal for the Third Five Year Plan are being achieved; and

(b) whether the production of coal has kept pace with the requirements of consuming agencies and the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). The target of coal production was originally fixed on the basis of the requirements indicated at the beginning of the Third Plan period by the consuming industries. Subsequently, the rate of growth of the coal demand slackened and the coal production has been adjusted to the level of the demand.

A statement showing the details of the actual consumption and production of coal in 1964-65 and the estimated demand and production in 1965-66 is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

Consuming Sector	Actual consumption in 1964-65	Estimated demand in 1965-66
	(million tonnes)	
1. Steel Plants and Coke Ovens	12.30	14.50
2. Railways	17.20	17.00
3. Power Houses	7.70	7.00
4. Other consumers	21.40	25.10
Total Requirement	58.60	65.50
	Actuals 1964-65	Estimated for 1965-66
Total Production	62.83*	67.00

*Difference between production and consumption is accounted for by the collieries' own consumption, losses in the manufacture of coke and accumulation at pit-heads.