

was because the smaller mines could not make matching grants that they were not able to avail themselves of these loans? Has Government tried to get any kind of relaxation of that agreement so that smaller mines may be able to take the loans and help them in any other way?

**Shri P. C. Sethi:** We try to help them and to finance through bank guarantees. As far as these matching grants are concerned, I have already said that Rs. 13 crores of the World Bank loan has already been utilised. That means that to that extent they have come forward.

#### Coal and Mining Machinery

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\*779. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**

**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there would be a huge shortfall in the production of coal and other mining machinery by the end of the Third Plan period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this shortfall will affect the country's requirements and the extent thereof?

**The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):**

(a) No, Sir.

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

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The hon. Minister has said that there will be no shortage of coalmining machinery. Do I understand that the coalmining machinery project at Durgapur is running on schedule?

**Shri T. N. Singh:** We have got in the public sector, what is called, the Mining Allied Machinery Project at Durgapur, which was scheduled to produce 5,000 tonnes in the current year and I have every hope that we shall exceed that and it will rather be about 6,000 tonnes.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The hon. Minister has stated that it will exceed its target within the stipulated time. Can he assure us that Government would stop the import of coalmining machinery material?

**Shri T. N. Singh:** The demand is yet very large. We have made a beginning and we are producing according to schedule; still, there is a large gap to be made up.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether all the raw materials necessary for the production of coal and mining machinery are available in the country; if not, what is imported?

**Shri T. N. Singh:** I would not say, all the raw material, because some of the special alloy steel and non-ferrous metals that are required for these machines etc. have to be imported today; but by and large we are having all the necessary raw material in the country.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** What are our requirements for this machinery and what percentage will we be able to cover after there is full production in this particular unit?

**Shri T. N. Singh:** It is estimated that by 1971-72 this Mining Allied Machinery Project at Durgapur will be producing about 45,000 tonnes and by the end of the Sixth Plan it is felt that the total demand will be of the order of 60,000 tonnes which will be met as there are also a number of private sector units.

**श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :** अभी गत प्रश्न के उत्तर में मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि कोयला आवश्यकता से अधिक पैदा हो गया है। जब कोयला आवश्यकता से अधिक उत्पन्न हो गया है, तो उस का घोर उत्पादन करने के लिए मशीनों तकल्ल जतने का विचार है और वे मशीनें प्राप्ती है विदेशों से। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि भारत में कच्चे से ही व्याप्त जो बेकारी है, उस को घोर विदेशी मुद्रा की कमी को ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या सरकार ने इस बात की तरफ ध्यान किया है कि इन

मशीनों को न मंगा कर मनुष्यों के द्वारा या सरकार के और साधनों के द्वारा कोयले का उत्पादन बढ़ाया जाये।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** इस साल का जवाब तो माननीय सदस्य ने खुद ही दे दिया है। उन्होंने कह दिया है कि मशीनें न मंगवाई जायें और आदमियों से कोयले का उत्पादन बढ़ाया जाये।

**श्री रामेश्वरानन्द :** जब कि देश में बेकारी बढ़ रही है, सरकार मशीनें लगा रही है, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस बारे में सरकार का क्या विचार है ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** माननीय सदस्य ने बहुत अच्छा मुझाव दिया है।

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know how much of the capacity of this Durgapur plant is at present actually being used for the manufacture of coal mining machinery and how much is being used for structural and other machines?

**Shri T. N. Singh:** We have booked an order for mining machinery of the order of 5,125 tonnes. Our capacity, as scheduled in the first year of the production, i.e., 1965-66, is of the order of 5,000 tonnes for such kind of machinery; the balance of 1,000 tonnes is mostly for structural and other machines.

#### Import of Plant and Machinery

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- \*786. **Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Brij Raj Singh:**  
**Shri Gokaran Prasad:**  
**Shrimati Matmoona Sultan:**  
**Shri M. Rampure:**  
**Shri Kanakasabai:**  
**Shri Mohammed Koya:**  
**Shri P. C. Boroah:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Engineering Association of India has recently suggested to Government that only such

items of plant and machinery as are not manufactured in the country, should be allowed to be imported;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the suggestions made by the Association; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

**The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):** (a) The Engineering Association of India, Calcutta, have recently addressed a letter to Government making certain suggestions regarding industrial licensing but this letter does not contain any suggestion on the lines referred to. It is, however, the declared policy of Government not to allow imports of plant and machinery which are indigenously manufactured.

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

**श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :** इस समय हम संयंत्रों और मशीनों के आयात पर कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च करते हैं और इन सामानों को न मंगाने में कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत होगी ? इन सामानों की जरूरत किस तरह पूरी की जायेगी ? क्या इन का हम स्वयं यहाँ पर निर्माण करेंगे ?

**श्री त्रि० ना० सिंह :** यह इंडस्ट्रीज का बड़ा व्यापक सवाल है। मैं बिना नोटिस के इस का जवाब नहीं दे सकता हूँ।

**श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :** अगर यह व्यापक सवाल है, तो मंत्री महोदय जवाब दें।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** मिनिस्टर साहब कहते हैं कि उन को नोटिस चाहिए।

**श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :** वह यह तो बता सकते हैं कि कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च की जाती है।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** माननीय सदस्य दूसरा सवाल करें।