

LOK SABHA

Thursday the 10th May, 1962/Vaisakha  
20, 1884 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cow-dung Gas

\*610. **Shri Rameshwar Tantja:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Khadi Commission propose to start a new scheme of cow-dung gas plant under Village Industry Development Programme in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) The scheme for introduction of cow-dung gas plants in Madhya Pradesh has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantja:** I have asked the supplementaries the day before yesterday on another question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

Rural Industrial Projects

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\*611. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
      **Shri Balmiki:**

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

(a) whether the Planning Commission has considered the proposal of  
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Government for additional fund to the tune of Rs. 15 crores for rural industrial projects; and

(b) if so, the nature of decision taken in this regard?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) The Rural Industries Planning Committee of the Planning Commission have proposed earmarking of additional funds to the extent of Rs. 15 crores for 40 selected Rural Industrial Projects during the Third Plan period.

(b) The proposal is under the consideration of the Government of India.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether the hon. Minister could give us an idea as to the nature of the projects which will be taken up?

**Shri Kanungo:** The idea is that 40 areas will be selected where all the Government resources in the form in which they are spent in the various village industries, and small industries projects will be pooled together plus the amount which is now earmarked and the area will be intensely developed. The details of it are being worked out in consultation with the Planning Commission.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know the nature of the projects, rural industries that would be taken up?

**Shri Kanungo:** The nature will be varying in the different areas where facilities are available. The main point would be to provide power supply and various other things so that the rural people can be inducted into the industrial processes right

from the cottage industries type to the mechanised small industries type.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know what would be the criterion for selecting the places for locating these rural projects?

**Shri Kanungo:** Details have got to be worked out. It will be there where communications are available, the area is depressed and where power and other factors will be easily available.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** Out of the forty rural industrial projects suggested by the Rural Industrial Committee of the Planning Commission, may I know how many are likely to be located in the Madras State?

**Shri Kanungo:** That has not been decided.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** I would like to know whether it will mean grouping some of the industries that are already existing there or new projects will be established in these centres?

**Shri Kanungo:** The activities of the various boards, the various activities will be pooled for purposes of co-ordination and additional facilities will be provided.

श्री बड़े : जापान में जिस प्रकार की काटेज इंडस्ट्री चलती है, क्या उसी प्रकार से यहां इंडस्ट्री चलने वाली है ?

श्री कानूनगो : नहीं, हमारे मुल्क में जो चल रही है, उसी को बढ़ाना है ।

**Shri Krishna Pal Singh:** I would like to know whether these industries are going to be financed by the Government or will it advance loans to individuals who want to take up these industries.

**Shri Kanungo:** Obviously, small industries. Therefore, there is no question of financing involved, except

providing credit of finance to individual entrepreneurs.

#### Visit of French Delegation to India

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\*612. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that M. Antoine Pinay, a former Prime Minister of France, led a delegation of five consultant engineers to India and has expressed that his country is ready to extend help to India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Minister also should be more alert and alive.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** The House is more alert.

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir. Mr. Antoine Pinay, former French Prime Minister and at present Chairman of a group of consultant engineering firms in the fields of Mining, Railways, Power, Gas and Natural Gas and Town Transport along with a team of consultant engineers recently visited India. The purpose of the team's visit was to acquaint the appropriate Indian authorities of the services which French Engineering and Consulting firms could offer in different fields.

(b) The team met the concerned Ministers and officials in the Ministries of the Government of India and the Planning Commission. The discussions were of a general nature and mainly exploratory in character. In