

प्लांट्स जब लग जायेंगे तो उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता क्या होगी, विशेष न्यूक्लियर और रा. फिल्म्स की ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** जहां तक न्यूक्लियर का ताल्लुक है कोई ३०,००० टन साल या तकरीबन सौ टन रोज का, जिसका उत्पादन मूल्य कोई तीन करोड़ रुपया होगा, उत्पादन होगा। जहां तक रा फिल्म्स का ताल्लुक है कोई ४०० से ५०० मिलियन फीट, जिसकी उत्पादन कीमत कोई चार से पांच करोड़ रुपया होगी।

**Shri Punnoose:** The hon. Minister mentioned the areas where these industries are going to be established. May I know the main considerations on which the decision has been taken, and whether the industrial backwardness of areas has also been taken into consideration?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** In location we go on mostly economic factors, but as I have assured the House several times, regional development also is an integral part of the Government of India's policy.

**Shri Tangamani:** The hon. Minister stated that an aluminium industrial plant is going to be located in Mettur. May I know at what stage of construction it is now?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The steps taken are that more or less all the French and the American experts have visited the site and we have sent out several samples of bauxite from the Sheveroy hills for further analysis, and we hope some decision will be taken at an early date on them.

**श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :** इन उद्योगों के स्थापित हो जाने के पश्चात् और जब ये पूरी तरह से काम करने लग जायेंगे उस वक्त क्या हमारी जो इन चीजों की आवश्यकतायें हैं वे पूरी होने लग जायेंगी, यदि नहीं तो कितने प्रतिशत तक की कमी रह जायेगी,

और उस कमी को पूरा करने के बारे में सरकार क्या सोच रही है ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** सवाल यह है कि क्या हम चाहते हैं या नहीं कि हमारा देश सैल्फ सफिशेंट हो। हम चाहते हैं कि जितनी जल्दी हम सैल्फ सफिशेंट हो जायें उतना ही अच्छा होगा। लेकिन एक डेलेपिंग इकोनोमी में वह दिन कभी भी अच्छा नहीं गिना जाता जब हम बिल्कुल ही हर मामले में सैल्फ साफिशेंट हो जायें। इसका कारण यह है कि जैसे जैसे प्रोडक्शन बढ़ता जाता है, डिमांड भी बढ़ती जाती है। कोशिश हमारी हर वक्त यही रहेगी कि जितना कम आयात हो उतना ही अच्छा है।

#### **Brass, Bell-metal and Conch-shell Industries**

**\*375. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how much grant and loan has been sanctioned to the State of West Bengal during 1956-57 to help the brass and bell metal and conch-shell industries; and

(b) how much of the sanctioned amount is meant for the supply of raw materials?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) A Grant of Rs. 19,080/- was sanctioned to the Government of West Bengal during 1956-57 for the development of Brass and Bell-Metal Industry and for the establishment of Research Laboratory in West Bengal.

(b) No amount during 1956-57, but the State Government were permitted to utilize for this purpose the loans of Rs. 25,000/- and Rs. 30,000/- sanctioned in 1954-55 and 1955-56 respectively.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the conch-shell industry was not at all helped in West Bengal, and if so, whether it will be helped?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It was helped. As a matter of fact, details of the small industries helped is naturally left to the State Government and we do not prescribe which should be helped and which should not be helped.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether any subsidy has been granted to any of these industries to save them from the competition of similar industries?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Yes, Sir, but subsidy is not given directly in the price of sale, but indirectly by giving them better tools at concessional rates, in some cases completely free of charge, and in some cases by loans for working capital at very low rate of interest.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether complaints have been received by the Ministry to the effect that the conch-shells that are imported from Madras into West Bengal are not distributed according to the rules?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No rules are laid down, but the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal—the two States where this industry is rather concentrated—are trying to set up a common organisation for the distribution of the raw materials as well as for the taking off and the marketing of the finished products.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Are Government aware that there is a very important conch-shell button industry in Bihar, but the factories are not getting sufficient raw materials to work for the whole year, and if so, may I know what arrangement has been made to keep them engaged for the whole year?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Such a complaint was received some time before, and we made enquiries from the Bihar Government. They assured us that they were taking all steps to see that the raw materials were provided, and if necessary, some financial assistance also.

### Nuclear Power Plant

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\*376. { **Shri Bharucha:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Supakar:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to instal a nuclear power plant for the generation of electricity;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in that direction; and

(c) whether any blue print has been prepared or any site selected for it?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) to (c) The question of setting up one or more large atomic power stations to generate electricity is under the active consideration of Government and it is hoped to take a decision before the end of the year.

**Shri Naushir Bharucha:** May I know whether a breeder reactor will not be absolutely necessary for power generation, and if so, whether any steps have already been taken to negotiate for such a breeder reactor?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** Negotiations for what?

**Mr. Speaker:** For the purchase of a reactor.

**Shri Naushir Bharucha:** For a breeder reactor.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I do not quite understand....

**Shri Naushir Bharucha:** Unless it be that Government want to depend upon imported fuel for the purpose of power generation, are we not going to be self-sufficient in the matter of nuclear fuel?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** We are not self-sufficient; we may become later on self-sufficient. We are not at present self-sufficient. We have got one experimental reactor working, of the