

श्री मेहर कान्द खन्ना : मैंने प्रश्न किया है कि ४,६५,००० भाई हैं जिनके क्लेम हैं, जिनमें से २,२७,००० को कम्पैन्सेशन मिल चुका है और उनको ७० करोड़ रुपये बिये जा चुके हैं। हम हर साल एक लाख लोगों को कम्पैन्सेशन दे रहे हैं और मेरा ख्याल है कि हम साल, डेढ़ साल या दो साल में कम्पैन्सेशन स्कीम को, सिवाय हाई कोर के, निपटा देंगे।

Aluminium Project

*1089. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a French firm of non-ferrous metal manufacturers have made an offer to the Government of India to establish an aluminium project in Mettur at Salem?

The Minister of Industry (**Shri Manubhai Shah**): Some tentative proposals for extending technical collaboration and the broad terms of deferred payment which are under further negotiations have been received.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इस योजना पर क्या खर्चा आयागा और क्या इसका काम स्टार्ट होगा या नहीं ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : इसका खर्चा कोई बाह्य, ते ह करोड़ रुपये होगा और उत्पादन कोई दस हजार टन सालाना होगा।

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know whether a firm in the United States, namely Messrs. Reynolds, has offered to put up a large plant in Salem?

Shri Manubhai Shah: An offer from the American firm also has been received just like that from the French firm in question.

Shri Damani: May I know the present production and our requirements by the end of the Second Plan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The present production is round about 7,500 tons going upto 12,500 tons soon and our requirements are of the order of 40,000 tons. We shall try to reach that by the end of the Second Plan.

Shri Khadiilkar: May I know whether there is a similar proposal from the Kolhapur area in which either private parties or foreign firms have offered any collaboration?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir.

Cashew Industry

*1090. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the speculative activities in the cashew trade, encouraged by the gap between installed capacity and indigenous availability of raw nuts prejudice the cashew industry's interests to the detriment of the interest of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to counter the speculation?

The Minister of Commerce (**Shri Kanungo**): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Are Government aware that the Spices Enquiry Committee have reported that owing to the speculative content in the trade, the industry is not likely to prosper for a long time?

Shri Kanungo: Yes. The speculative aspect mentioned is that a large number of establishments are not fully equipped to carry on their trade.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Are Government aware that long before the indigenous crop of raw nuts comes to the market, the exporters get into price commitments for future supplies, and in order to honour such commitments, they are forced to take from importers who hold stocks at very high prices, and thereby they go on speculating more and more?