

Aluminium and Cement Factories

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Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether the negotiation with M/s Kaiser Engineering Overseas Corporation, California (U S A) for setting up of a unit each in aluminium and cement industries have been finalised,

(b) if so, the outcome of these negotiations, and

(c) the location of the proposed aluminium and cement factories?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT

Aluminium Factory

(a) to (c) The Government of India are not negotiating with M/s Kaiser Engineering Overseas Corporation, California (U S A) for the setting up of an aluminium factory in the country. However, M/s Birla Gwalior (Private) Ltd who have applied for a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for establishing an aluminium factory at Rihand (U P) propose to utilise the services of M/s Kaiser Engineers of U S A for technical collaboration. The Government have given their approval to M/s Kaiser Engineers to undertake an Engineering study of the project and the project report is awaited.

Cement Factory

(a) No such negotiations have taken place

(b) and (c) Do not arise

I may add, Sir, that as far as the cement factory is concerned, though no such negotiation has taken place with the Government of India it is

understood that the parties are negotiating

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि मेसर्स बिडला ग्वालियर ने जो कि एक प्राइवेट लिमिटेड फर्म है, उस फर्म ने क्या गवर्नमेंट को कुछ सहायता या लोन के लिए एप्राच किया है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह अभी तक तो नहीं किया है लेकिन चूँकि बड़ी इंडस्ट्री है इसलिए शायद बाद में या भी जाय ।

Shri Dasappa: It is stated that while the Government of India itself is not carrying on any negotiation, so far as the aluminium factory is concerned, with Messrs Kaiser Engineering Overseas Corporation private parties like Messrs Birla Gwalior (Private) Ltd, are carrying on negotiations. Likewise, with regard to cement the hon Minister said that though the Government is not carrying on any negotiations private parties are negotiating. Is it not a fact that a private firm sponsored by Sarangapani Mudaliar has already secured collaboration for its establishing a cement factory?

Shri Manubhai Shah. It is true, Sir, that negotiations between private parties and Messrs Kaisers are taking place but officially and formally we have not yet been approached for the sanction of the same. Besides, the sanction of a new capacity now is a matter which requires to be very carefully looked into. If we find that there is surplus of cement, it is difficult to forecast what will be the Government's attitude when the application is finally received.

Shri Dasappa: May I know whether this firm from Mysore has not already approached the Ministry for the purpose of the necessary licence, and, is it not a fact that only two years ago Government imported cement and very soon with the production of steel and so on and the vast road-making programme cement would be in short-supply?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Sir, the question that has been asked is whether the Government have negotiated anything with Messrs Kaisers regarding this particular cement factory. Two parties are negotiating and we know about it, but no formal concurrence regarding the agreement as far as the two parties are concerned has been yet received by us. And, Sir, no agreement in this country is permissible between any two parties where one is a foreign party without the proper scrutiny of the Ministry concerned and taking approval thereto.

Shri Narasimhan: May I know whether in the case of the bauxite project, it is apart from the project contemplated in Salem District of Madras State?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is apart from the Salem project, which also is being negotiated by a private party.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether the Government of Mysore has approached this Government regarding the establishment of a cement factory in my constituency, Chikkanayakan Halli Taluq in Tumkur District?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Several Governments have approached us. They have been writing to us. Even the other day the Chief Minister of Mysore was pressing for it.

Shri Subbiah Ambalam: May I know whether the aluminium factory likely to be set up in the Madras State is also included in the negotiations?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is exactly what I was trying to draw the attention of the House to, that these negotiations are carried out between one party and another and only when they come to the stage of finalisation that they approach the Government for confirmation, modification or otherwise. Unless the agreement is approved and accepted by the Government, it does not come into operation.

श्री भक्त बर्जल : माननीय मंत्री ने जो विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा है उसमें ज्ञात

होता है कि मेमर्न बिजना ग्वारिनियर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड उत्तर प्रदेश रेहन में एक बलक-निग्रम का कारखाना स्थापित करने जा रहे हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हू कि इन कारखानों के सम्बन्ध में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का और इस कम्पनी को क्या सहायता वेग्न की ओर से दी जा रही है और कब तक उसकी स्थापना हो जायगी ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : केन्द्रीय सरकार जितनी सहायता हो सके, सब सम्भव सहायता दे रही है। उसका जुएलाजिकल सर्वे भी हो रहा है, एनेक्विस्टिटी के प्राविजन की भी हम देखभाल कर रहे हैं और उसको किस तरीके से टेकनीकली सक्सेसफुल बनाया जाय और १० हजार टन से बढ़ा कर २० हजार टन की उसकी कैपैसिटी की जाय, इस बारे में सब जरूरी हिदायते दे रहे हैं और आवश्यक बार्थ-वाहिया कर रहे हैं ?

Shri S M Banerjee: May I know what will be the exact capacity of this aluminium plant, the number of men likely to be employed and whether this is likely to be completed within the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: These are all still under consideration. There is a capacity of 20 000 tons of aluminium as far as Rihand is concerned and 10 000 tons capacity as far as Salem is concerned. Both the projects are likely to be completed, if everything goes in a systematic manner and the schemes get approved by the Government the plants may start functioning within three to four years. The Rihand factory may employ, as far as the whole project is concerned about 8 000 to 10 000 people and the Salem project will employ about 4,000 to 5,000 people.

श्री प० ला० बारापाल : क्या मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जान सकता हू कि तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में राजस्थान में अन्दर कोई फटिलाइजर फैक्टरी स्थापित करने की योजना है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सीमेंट से फाटिलाइजर का क्या सबब है ?

Shri Tangamani. In the statement and also in the reply given by the hon Minister we find that about this aluminium factory at Rihand negotiations between M/s Kaiser Engineers of U.S.A. have been completed and work will be started. May I know whether such negotiations have started or concluded for the aluminium plant which is to be set up at Mettur?

Shri Manubhai Shah: They have started, not concluded

Pandit J P. Jyotishi. Is it not a fact that there was a proposal to have an aluminium factory between Katni and Birsinghpur of Madhya Pradesh, if so, may I know what has happened to that proposal?

Shri Manubhai Shah There was no formal proposal, though the MP Government has been pressing us that there should be a factory there. As the resources permit and as the needs of the country expand, all these matters will be looked into

Shri Joachim Alva: Before the Government sanctions the Birla proposal, may I know whether the Minister of Industries is aware of a proposal made by the Mysore Government—by Shri Nijalingappa—that a group of German businessmen would set up an aluminium factory in Bilgaum, build it up and retire after seven years but it was rejected just because businessmen were associated with it?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No such really concrete proposal came to us. But I may say, Sir, that every State Government nowadays is very much interested in the establishment of heavy industries and is at one time or the other approaching Government with different proposals which are all looked into from the point of merits of each case

Shri Joachim Alva: I want an answer to this question

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Let us go to the next question

राष्ट्रपति की जापान यात्रा के समाचार भेजने वाले समाचार-पत्रों के प्रतिनिधि

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क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है राष्ट्रपति जी ने जापान की जो राजकीय यात्रा की थी, तब उनमें माय भारतीय समाचारपत्रों के कुछ प्रतिनिधि भी भेजे गये थे,

(ख) यदि हा, तो क्या उम यात्रा के लिये चुने गये समाचारपत्रों, उनके प्रतिनिधियों, उनकी भाषाओं व उनके प्रकाशन म्थानों का विवरण मन्त्र-पटल पर रखा जायेगा, और

(ग) इन समाचारपत्रों का चयन किस आधार पर किया गया था ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० केशकर) (क) जी, हा ।

(ख) एक विवरण लोक सभा की मेज पर रखा जा रहा है । [वेस्तिये परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबन्ध संख्या १२०]

(ग) ऐसे चुनाव में यह कोशिश की जाती है कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा अखबारों को प्रतिनिधित्व मिल सके जिसमें दक्षी भाषा पत्र भी शामिल हो । इस यात्रा के लिये यह स्वाम शर्त थी कि सम्बन्धित पत्र जापान में हाने वाले खर्च की बरदाश्त करने के लिये तैयार हो । केवल ट्वाई जहाज द्वारा सफर का प्रबन्ध सरकार दे रही थी । इसमें सिर्फ ऐसे पत्रों को ही शामिल किया गया जो इस शर्त के लिये तैयार थे ।

Shri Achar: The answer may be read in English also

Dr. B. V. Keskar: (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No 120]