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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Newsprint Factory, Nizamabad

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{ Shri Subodh Hansda:
 { Shri S. C. Samanta:
 { Shri R. C. Majhi:
 { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
 *2397. { Shri Rami Reddi:
 { Shrimati Parvathi Krishnam:
 { Shri Nagi Reddy:
 { Shri D. V. Rao:
 { Shri D. C. Sharma:
 { Shri N. M. Deb:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 128 on the 20th November, 1958 and state—

(a) whether the negotiations with the West German firm for setting up a Newsprint factory at Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh, have since been finalised,

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement,

(c) the estimated cost of this factory, and

(d) when the factory is likely to go into production?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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Shri Subodh Hansda: In answer to a question on the 9th September, the hon Minister stated that the soil survey was to be conducted by the State Government. May I know whether that soil survey was conducted by the Andhra Pradesh Government and, if so, whether it has concluded or not?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This does not arise, that is, the question of any survey being carried out by the State Government does not arise. This is a new process and, as I had the privilege to inform the House, unless the West German firm, which has invented this new process, gives a guarantee about its success we are in a position to conclude the agreement.

सेठ प्रचल सिंह क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देवा मे न्यूजप्रिंट की बमी को देखते हुए गवर्नमेन्ट न्यूजप्रिंट फैक्टरी खोलने का विचार कर रही है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह सरकार का पक्का इरादा है कि न्यूजप्रिंट फैक्टरी लगायी जाये, और इसी लिए तो इस फर्म के साथ सतो-किताबत हो रही है ।

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Am I to understand from the reply of the hon. Minister that manufacture of newsprint from bagasse is done only in West Germany?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes, Sir This is the first plant of its type in the whole world. Everywhere newsprint is made either from fir or spruce, eucalyptus or long staple fibre trees.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether the negotiations are being carried on only with one firm in West Germany or with two or three firms?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This is the only firm in the world which has got this process. They are also not prepared to give a technical guarantee about this. All the other firms are basing their production on fir, spruce or eucalyptus.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: What is standing in the way of finalising these negotiations with that firm?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I have already said that unless the technical guarantee is given to the effect that if we adopt this process it will be successful, we will land ourselves into a process which has not been tried out anywhere in the world.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know if this process has been known to our Government in any way or whether any technical opinion of our own experts has been obtained thereon?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Our own technical opinion does not rule out the possibility. Therefore we approached the West German Government, who also cautioned us against it, unless and until technical examination is done at the expert level. They suggested the appointment of a technical expert. We requested the West German Government for the services of the experts. German experts and our own experts are now examining the possibility whether the process will be successful or not.

श्री राम सिंह भाई वर्मा: अभी जो न्यूजप्रीट का कारखाना बालू किया गया है इसमें कठिनाइयां हो रही हैं और क्वालिटी नहीं सुधर रही है और भाव अधिक है। क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बात का ध्यान करेंगे कि भावे ये कठिनाइयां न भावें और कागज की क्वालिटी कम से कम बाहर के कागज जैसी हो।

श्री मनुभाई साहू: जो नया कारखाना बनने वाला है उसमें हम उन सब बातों का ध्यान रख रहे हैं जो कि अभी आन्वीय सदस्य

ने कही हैं। जो बातें उन्होंने कही हूँ तो नया के कारखाने के बारे में कही हैं, जो कि पुराना कारखाना है, भारत सरकार ने इसको नहीं लगाया था और उसके प्लांट की जिम्मेदारी भारत सरकार पर नहीं है।

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether these two German experts will visit India and will also see the site?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is no question of selection of site. They would procure bagasse from various parts of the world. We want to satisfy ourselves through an independent examination by technical experts that the process is a successful one.

Shri S. R. Armugham: There was a proposal to start a newsprint factory at Nilgiris in Madras State. May I know whether that proposal has been considered and at what stage that proposal is at present.

Mr. Speaker: From one small matter, we go on to the other.

Shri Manubhai Shah: The Nilgiris are having bamboo trees and not coniferous trees which, as I mentioned, are the proper raw materials for the manufacture of newsprint. As a matter of fact during the Second Plan and during the Third Plan, it is our intention to put up more than two newsprint factories in the public sector provided we are satisfied that the technical process is perfect.

Enquiries into Dalmia Concerns

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 *2368. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 121 on the 20th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the Commission of Inquiry appointed to investigate into