

firm has been entered into for the construction of these things?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As the House is aware, this plant is being erected with the technical collaboration of the USSR

Shri Subodh Hansda: As a number of fertiliser factories are going to be set up in our country and most of the machinery for these fertiliser factories have been fabricated in our own country may I know whether the import of this machinery has been stopped, and, if so, what would be the foreign exchange saved by this?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This particular question relates to the Heavy Machine Building Plant to be established at Hattia in Ranchi. That has got Soviet collaboration. And, for the Foundry Forge we have Czechoslovakian collaboration. What we are trying to manufacture is the steel plant as mentioned in the answer and we are also going in for ancillary production of several component fertiliser parts. As the hon Member is aware even for the Rourkela fertiliser the Sindri Fertiliser Company is providing about Rs 8 crores worth plant and equipment

Labour Participation in Management

*1968. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 850 on the 11th December 1958 and state

(a) whether all the units which volunteered to set up joint management councils have since set them up

(b) if not the names of such units which have not set up joint councils so far, and

(c) the nature of action taken in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):

(a) No

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 79]

(c) Persuasion

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether the owners of these units have expressed any difficulty in setting up joint management councils?

Shri L. N. Mishra: There are about 19 units which have not yet established these councils but different units have different difficulties, but none of them have got any serious difficulty

Shri Keshava: May I know if any effort has been made in this direction in the public sector and if so, with what effect?

Shri L. N. Mishra: Yes, Sir, it has been introduced in the public sector also

Shri S. M. Banerjee: In reply to (c) the hon Minister has said 'Persuasion' May I know why the same scheme is not being introduced in the public sector undertakings when the public sector is under the Central or the State Governments? What are the difficulties and why have they not been implemented?

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): Yes, Sir. We have taken up this question with the Ministries concerned and I hope in course of time more and more units will come under the system of joint councils and workers' participation

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether there is any proposal to introduce legislation in this respect?

Shri L. N. Mishra: No

Manufacture of Newsprint and Paper in Mysore State

*1370 { **Shri Rameshwar Tanti:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Keshava:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.

22 on the 11th November, 1957 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in regard to the scheme for the manufacture of newsprint and paper in collaboration with the U.S.A in Mysore State;

(b) what will be the capital investment; and

(c) the time by which the factory will start functioning?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Necessary consent to the issue of capital and licence for import of plant and machinery for paper have since been granted. No newsprint manufacture is covered in this scheme

(b) Rs 427 crores.

(c) 1961 or early 1962.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether after the manufacture of this newsprint we will be self-sufficient in our requirement of newsprint?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is such a gigantic country. Our paper consumption is the lowest in the world. We may or may not be self-sufficient, but we want more and more paper produced so that it would be better for education and other things.

Shri Shivananjappa: This paper factory was originally proposed to be located in Mandya in Mysore State. Now it is proposed to be located in Bellagola near KRS Dam, far removed from the source of the raw material. May I know the reason that prompted the American experts to locate a different place?

Mr. Speaker: Both are in the same State.

Shri Keshava: He comes from Mandya.

Shri Manubhai Shah: Originally it is true that it was considered that Mandya will be a better site, but both the Indian technicians and the foreign

collaborators have gone into the economics of the scheme and they have thought that it is better to locate it near Mysore; that is why they have shifted the site.

Shri Aehar: What is the quantity of newsprint or paper that this factory will produce?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This will only produce normal writing paper—about 15,000 to 18,000, tons per year or 50 tons per day.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: The hon. Minister has said that our requirement of newsprint will go up and up. May I know whether some scheme is under consideration to establish a mill in Assam where plenty of raw material is available?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This is a question on paper and not newsprint. But it is true that in Assam also two paper mills are going forward.

Cement

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*1371. { Pandit D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Siddananjappa:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cement manufacturers have expressed their concern over the small lifting of cement and consequent piling of cement stock in their godowns; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The following steps have been taken for stimulating demand for cement:

(i) Removal of control on the distribution of cement at Stockists'/Consumers' level.

(ii) Withdrawal of all previous orders and instructions restricting use of cement on account of its non-availability and insufficiency.