

to the workers certainly that will be set right. So, there is nothing now on which we can give any specific promise.

Export Houses

Shri Kodiyan:
*534 Shri Naval Prabhakar:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

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

(a) whether Government have any scheme for establishing export houses for promoting the export trade of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The matter has been under the consideration of the Standing Committee of the Export Promotion Advisory Council. No concrete proposals with details have so far been received by Government.

Shri Kodiyan: May I know how long it will take for Government to come to a final decision regarding this?

Shri Kanungo: It is not a question of coming to a decision. An idea was thrown out. The Federation of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Associated Chambers have been asked to formulate proposals. They have not yet formulated by proposals.

Plant for Caustic Soda in Andhra Pradesh

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*535. { Shri Nagi Reddy:
Shri Ramam:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a plant for caustic soda in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what would be its estimated cost and the production capacity;

(c) the place where it would be located;

(d) the amount of foreign exchange required for the plant; and

(e) whether any agreement has been reached with any foreign country for its establishment?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir M/s. Andhra Sugars Limited, Tanuku have such a proposal.

(b) The estimated cost would be Rs 60 lakhs. The proposed capacity is 3800 tons per year of caustic soda.

(c) Rajahmundry, East Godavary District.

(d) Approximately Rs 35 lakhs.

(e) Not yet, Sir.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know the stage of the negotiation with the foreign country at present? Is there any possibility of establishing this factory within the period of the Second Plan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We hope so, because the terms are being discussed with the East German Government. As soon as the proposals are received, we shall process them.

National Coal Development Corporation

*537 Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Coal Development Corporation has postponed the elections to the Works Committees in Kargali Collieries, which were to be held on the 29th November, 1958.

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Trade Unions;

(c) if so, the nature of the representation; and