

the improved scales are adopted, it takes some time to recruit the staff.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know the short-fall in the number of staff in the polytechnic?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Out of 11 sanctioned posts, we had in the beginning of 1959-60 only four.

Mr. Speaker: Four out of 11?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Yes, Sir; we had seven but three of them went away just at the beginning of the session. So, it became four. We have taken some steps now and we expect it will be raised to 11 within a few months.

Shri Narasimhan: When was this polytechnic established? How many years ago?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It must have been there for a fairly long time; I require notice.

Mr. Speaker: If it was started hundred years ago, does he mean all along it has been without staff?

Shri Narasimhan: If it had been there for a long time, it is all the more bad.

Mr. Speaker: The one thing has nothing to do with the other. He might put the question this way, viz., for how long has this short-fall been there?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The staff position is as follows: in 1956-57, out of 13 sanctioned posts, seven were filled and we had 11 part-time lecturers. In 1957-58, out of 13 sanctioned posts, nine were filled and there were 10 part-time lecturers. In 1958-59, out of 14 sanctioned posts, six were filled and in addition there were 10 part-time lecturers. It was only in the beginning of this year, when three people suddenly went away, that the number came down to four.

Mr. Speaker: There are no part-time lecturers?

Shri Humayun Kabir: They are always there; they are more or less constant.

Mr. Speaker: So the classes do not suffer.

Shri Humayun Kabir: They do suffer a little, if there are only six or seven out of 10 whole-time sanctioned posts. The difficulty is architects and engineers are well-employed persons and we advertise, but nobody applies.

Shri A. M. Tariq: Are Government aware that the girl students of the polytechnic are suffering because there is no proper arrangement for hostels for girls and no other hostel like Miranda or Indraprastha is able to give them accommodation? If so, may I know what action Government is taking? Is there any proposal to have a girls' hostel?

Mr. Speaker: Is it one of the causes of the strike?

Shri A. M. Tariq: Yes, Sir.

Shri Humayun Kabir: This was never mentioned before. In any case, I shall look into the matter and see if there are any grievances of the girl students.

Kalinga Industries

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 Shri Kamal Singh:
 Shri Ignace Beck:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kalinga Industries have now started production of ferromanganese;

(b) if so, the quantity of ferromanganese produced by this concern upto now;

(c) the total quantity of ferromanganese which has been produced so far in all the manufacturing units in India; and

(d) what amount has been utilised for internal consumption by now?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir; their low shaft furnace has start-

ed production of pig iron but not ferro-manganese.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) About 95,000 tons upto the end of September 1959.

(d) Exact figures of internal consumption are not available. It is estimated that the present annual consumption is about 30,000 to 35,000 tons which will increase to 60,000 tons when the target of six million tons of steel ingots is achieved.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know when the licence for starting this ferro-manganese plant was given to this particular concern and why it was switched on from ferro-manganese production to production of pig iron?

Sardar Swaran Singh: There is no question of switching on; the licence is for the production of both pig iron and ferro-manganese. The pig iron blast furnace has gone into production and the ferro-manganese plant has not yet gone into production.

Shri Kamal Singh: Arising out of the hon. Minister's reply to part (d), that internal consumption at the moment is 30,000 tons and would increase to 60,000 tons, may I know when it is likely to increase to 60,000 tons and secondly, until it increases to 60,000 tons, how are we going to see that the disposal of the production is effectively done?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The reply to first part of the question is, as soon as we reach the production target of 6 million tons; i.e., by the end of 1961 or the middle of 1962. So far as the second part is concerned, whatever quantity is available there in the country over and above our internal requirements, that is exported.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether there is any possibility of ferro-manganese being manufactured by these plants in the near future?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Those units are licensed to manufacture ferro-manganese and I think they will go into production. But I cannot vouch-

safe for the promise made by private firms.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Are we exporting any quantity of ferro-manganese just at present?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Yes, Sir. We are exporting.

Shri Kamal Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that there is a certain amount of difficulty regarding the export of ferro-manganese? There is a quota for export of ferro-manganese which is controlled, I believe, by the State Trading Corporation. It is felt that facilities for export are not enough and so export is not being made. May I know whether it is so?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I think there is nothing wrong, so far as facilities are concerned. But the export market has, of late, become a little bit difficult. It is not because it is routed through the STC. The world market has shrunk a little and the strike in the steel plants in the United States also reduced the demand for ferro-manganese.

Seth Govind Das rose—

Mr. Speaker: When I am about to call the next question hon. Members rise and embarrass me. All the same, I now call Seth Govind Das.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : यह जो निर्यात घट रहा है इसके बारे में क्या कुछ जो विशेषज्ञ हैं और कुछ व्यापारी हैं, उनके साथ सलाह की जा रही है कि निर्यात घटने के क्या कारण हैं और इमको किम तरह से बढ़ावा जा सकता है ?

श. सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : जी हां, जिस जगह में कोई वाकफियत मिले उससे फायदा उठाया जाता है ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या कोई प्रयत्न चल रहा है , यह मैं जानना चाहता हूँ

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : प्रयत्न क्या ? हम पता है कि दुनिया में मांग कम हो गई है ।

Mr. Speaker: All supplementaries must be put by Members standing in their seats.