

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** In view of the fact that in cities like Lucknow and Bombay which cope with traffic ten times the volume of traffic in Delhi there are hardly any jams, would those in charge of the traffic arrangements take some lessons from the excellent arrangements which are being made in those cities to avoid jams? We have hardly any jams in our city.

**Shri G. B. Pant:** The people of Lucknow are cleverer and abler than those of Delhi. But there has been phenomenal growth in the population of Delhi, which has risen from about 9 lakhs at the time of independence to about 25 lakhs now. The number of cars, I think, has gone up about 25,000 or so from one-fourth, one-fifth or one-sixth of that number. The roads, when they were made, were not intended to meet fully and adequately the needs of this very heavy traffic. But attempts are being made to meet the situation as actively and satisfactorily as possible. On the whole, in spite of all this, the accidents in Delhi are not more than in any other city, whether we take into account the fatal accidents or other accidents. Well, there are jams at times; but, I hope people will get more disciplined and the traffic more efficient.

#### **aid to Small-Scale Mining Industry**

**354. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

a) whether Small-scale Mining Industry receives any assistance for hire-purchase of machinery and other credit facility as is given to Large-scale Industry; and

b) what organisations exist for the purpose?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha):** (a) and (b). Government have no scheme for assistance to Small-scale Mining Industry for hire-purchase of machinery. The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., which is a Government Undertaking, provides facilities for hire-purchase of machinery by small-scale industrial units. Credit facilities are provided by some State Governments by their respective State Financial Corporations or by other organisations provided for the purpose.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know whether the Ministry has considered this matter and think that its duties end with only the regulatory process and has nothing to do with the developmental process?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** If some of the organisations or mine owners want financial aid they will go to the State and if there is a proposal from the State all facilities are given to them.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Is the hon. Minister aware that small scale industry is primarily a State concern and the Central Government has set up a large organisation and made great provisions? What are the reasons to discriminate between the mining industry and other small-scale industries—to discriminate against the mining industry more particularly when minerals are national resources and are a Central subject?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** I have already said that there is no discrimination. If some of the units approach the National Small Industries Corporation which is a Central unit, all facilities are given just like other industries.

**श्री घुनाच सिंह :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार के स्मॉल स्कैल इन्डस्ट्रीज विभाग से कोई सम्पर्क स्थापित किया गया है कि खनिज पदार्थों का काम भी स्मॉल स्कैल पर किया जाय।

**श्री गजेब प्रसाद सिन्हा :** खनिज पदार्थ के लिए भी ये फैसिलिटीज दी जा रही हैं और अब भी कोई दरखास्त आती है तो उस पर विचार किया जाता है। अभी तक कोई ऐसी दरखास्त छोटे माईन प्रोजेक्ट के पास से नहीं आई है।

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Is the hon. Minister aware that the mining industry had written to their bureau from time to time how they are stuck up for want of technical know-how and facilities and are unable to import even small parts and the entire mine's work is stuck up because we have not got any organisation? Have you given any thought to it?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** There are procedures laid down by the Indian Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey of India which clearly envisage technical advice to any mine-owner or anyone who wants to start any mining industry and so it is open for any bureau or any organisation to seek such advice as they think proper.

**Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** May I know whether the Government requested the small mining interests to form themselves into co-operatives for getting financial aid from the Government?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** It is open for the mining industrialists or those who want to start mining in a small scale scheme to send such proposals to the Government and it is the declared policy of the Government of India to encourage co-operative ventures for mining and also in other fields.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister give us an indication of the programme which they had for the year 1959-60 to give technical and credit facilities? What is the budget

provision and what has been spent so far? There is not a single pie.

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There is no budget provision; there is no scheme and there is no plan to help the small mining industries. As and when such proposals come before the Government, the Government will be too glad to offer any advice.

#### Expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant

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

(a) whether Government is considering the expansion of the Bhilai Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what is the expected production of the plant after expansion;

(c) what will be its total cost; and

(d) whether the said expansion will be carried out with Russian collaboration?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) to (d). While studies on the size and nature of the Third Five Year Plan are still going on, it is clear that steel will continue to be an important sector of development. Whatever the target for iron and steel may be, it is imperative that the steel works in Rourkela, Bhilai and Durgapur are expanded. Planning of the expansion of these works has been taken in hand. It is too early to say what the cost of expansion and the production after expansion of each plant will be. This will be known only when the details of the extensions necessary have been worked out. It has been agreed in principle that expansion of the