

**Disarmament Talks**

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- \*982. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:  
 Shri Ram Krishna Gupta:  
 Shri Chuni Lal:  
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
 Shri Radha Raman:  
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:  
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have any information regarding the resumption of disarmament talks;

(b) what progress, if any, has been made in the matter; and

(c) whether Government of India have taken any initiative or action in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):**

(a) and (b). Apart from general discussions in the United Nations General Assembly, multilateral negotiations on disarmament have been in abeyance since the breakdown of the 10 nation Geneva Conference, on the subject, in June, 1960. It was hoped that negotiations might be resumed as a result of direct preliminary talks which were agreed upon by the Governments of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.; representatives of these two Governments met in June and in July this year, but no agreement on the resumption of larger scale talks has so far been reached. The issue is on the agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly Session, when the various resolutions put forward last year, which were postponed pending the outcome of the Soviet-American talks, will again come up for discussion.

(c) One of the resolutions submitted to the General Assembly has been co-sponsored by India. It calls for the resumption of negotiations and indicates the general directives to be followed. It is the intention of Government to press for the adoption of this resolution, subject to whatever other action may be indicated in the

light of developments between now and the debate in the General Assembly.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know whether our initiative and effort for the Summit Conference is also to help breaking this deadlock on disarmament talks? If so, what is the reaction of the Western Powers?

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** What is the reaction of the Western Powers?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** We have no idea as to what other peoples' reactions are. We can only guess.

**Aluminium Plants**

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- \*984 { Shri Kunhan:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether there are any proposals to set up additional Aluminium plants in India during the Third Plan period; and

(b) if so, at which places?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

In addition to the Public Sector project for manufacture of 25,000 tons aluminium per annum in collaboration with Hungary for which exploratory work is already in hand and for which Hungarian Government has already agreed to extend suitable long term rupee payment credit, Government have also received applications for grant of licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for establishment of additional capacity for aluminium ingots

during the Third Plan period from the following parties:—

- (i) Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Ltd., Bombay for substantial expansion of their aluminium smelter at Rihand, now under construction, from 20,000 tons to 50,000 tons per annum;
- (ii) Shri Murarji J. Vaidya of Bombay to set up a 30,000 tonnes p.a. aluminium smelter in Mysore State with the technical and financial collaboration of Reynolds of U.S.A.; and
- (iii) M/s. J. K. Industries (P) Ltd., Calcutta, for establishment of a 20,000 tonnes p.a. aluminium smelter in Madhya Pradesh with Swiss collaboration.

The applications are under consideration.

**Shri Kunhan:** May I know whether there is any proposal to extend the capacity of the Aluminium Factory in Alwaye in Kerala in the Third Plan and, if so, what is the amount that has been provided for that?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** There is a proposal. The Canadian Aluminium Factory, which has a plant in Kerala, wants to double its capacity. The actual details of the proposal are awaited.

**Shri C. D. Pande:** In view of the fact that though during the Second Plan the target fixed was 83,000 tons the achievement was only 27,000 tons, may I know whether Government is hopeful of getting the target fulfilled by 1965 or 1966?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** What my hon. friend has really stated is the capacity which has already been established in the Second Plan. For the Third Plan, as I have stated in the statement, a public sector project is being started with Hungarian collaboration. Over and above that, there are three

other proposals which will more than over-reach the target stipulated for aluminium in the Third Plan.

**Shri Assar:** There was a proposal to set up an aluminium plant near Chiplun, Koyna and Maharashtra. What happened to that?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** Koyna project is going through. It was already approved in the Second Plan. It is not included in the three. Licence has been issued to a party which is trying to secure proper collaboration. Practically, the collaboration is now through. They are coming up very soon for finalisation of the terms. But otherwise, they have already been approved in capacity and a licence has been granted to them already.

#### Visit of Sikkim Maharajkumar

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\*986. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that talks between the Maharajkumar of Sikkim and the Government of India were recently held in regard to the citizenship law and electoral rolls of Sikkim;

(b) if so, the progress made in connection therewith; and

(c) what other subjects were discussed with him and what decisions, if any, were taken?

#### The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) Yes, Sir, talks took place in June 1961 on the Sikkim Subjects Regulation.

(b) This Regulation was promulgated by H.H. the Maharaja of Sikkim on the 3rd July, 1961.

(c) A statement is placed on the table.