

is being sought from Japan for this fertiliser factory is going to have any new technique of production? Because, how long are we going to have foreign collaboration for fertiliser plants?

Shri Satish Chandra: There is no major urea factory working in the country at present, except a small plant which has been added to the Sindri plant. Moreover, the production of urea in this factory will be based on naphtha from Barauni, which is absolutely a new process for this country. The fertiliser which will be produced at Gorakhpur is very different from the fertiliser produced at Sindri, Nangal etc.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether the Trombay factory and the factory that is coming up at Visakhapatnam are not going to manufacture from naphtha?

Shri Satish Chandra: Yes, they will, but they are also in the process of being erected. We have no experience of those processes so far.

Export Incentives to Manganese Mine-owners

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- *519. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Damani:
Shri P. C. Borooh:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

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

(a) whether a proposal to give certain export incentives to manganese mine-owners is under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The decision will be announced shortly.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether Government have received any memorandum from the manganese mine-owners, and if so, what their demand is?

Shri Satish Chandra: The manganese mine-owners have represented their case on many occasions, and they make all kinds of demands. The present proposal is, as I said in answer to an earlier question, to give some additional concession in railway freight, and a decision is likely to be announced very shortly.

Mr. Speaker: Next Question. All the five Members who have sponsored this question are absent. In order to facilitate hon. Members and not to elbow out anyone, I am adding the names of all hon. Members who have tabled the question along with the main questioner, but I find that not one of them is present here now.

Then, Q. No. 521. Both Shri P. C. Borooh and Shri D. C. Sharma are absent.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I am here. I put the question.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Can a Member withdraw from the House at the time of being called? He was present here a little while ago, but he went into the background when you were about to call him.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I had to go out.

Mechanisation of Small Scale Industries

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- *521. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri P. C. Borooh:

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

(a) whether a technical meeting on small scale industries was held in Delhi in October, under the auspices of the I.L.O.;

(b) if so, whether it recommended mechanization of small industries; and

(c) if so, what action has so far been taken thereon by Government?