

U. S. INFORMATION BUREAUX

*25. **Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state in how many places in India have Americans established their Information Bureaux?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): Officers of the U. S. Information Service are attached to the U. S. Embassy in New Delhi and to the U. S. Consulate-General in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. The U. S. I. S. have libraries in Lucknow, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Trivandrum.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether there are any other nationalities allowed to set up such bureaux?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Information Bureaux?

Kumari Annie Mascarene: Yes.

Shri Anil K. Chanda: Yes. Many other foreign Embassies have their Information-Bureaux and libraries.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that while inaugurating the Trivandrum Information Bureau the American Ambassador delivered a political speech inciting the people of Travancore-Cochin against Communism?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The hon. lady evidently must have read a wrong report or misread the report, because the American Ambassador is very careful not to deliver any political speech in this country of that type.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STEEL PLANT

*26. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether in connection with the establishment of an integrated Iron and Steel factory in India, an Indian delegation has been sent to U.S.A. to conduct negotiations with American, British and Japanese steel interests?

(b) What are the results of these talks?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Yes, a delegation consisting of three senior officers of the Government of India was sent to U.S.A. in October 1952, for negotiations with the World Bank and certain interested foreign concerns, in

connection with the establishment of a new integrated iron and steel plant in India.

(b) Government have decided to constitute a technical mission consisting of their representatives and a representative of the Bank to prepare an up-to-date project report as a prelude to further action.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know, Sir, whether any particular locality has already been fixed for the construction of this integrated factory?

Shri K. C. Reddy: No, Sir. It has to be done after the report of the Technical Mission which we are now going to constitute, is received.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: May I know, Sir, if certain negotiations which were being recently conducted between the Government of India and a Japanese party for a joint undertaking of this steel plant have broken down and the Government of India propose to approach certain parties in U.K. for the same purpose?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The results of the talks as they emerged, made us realise that the continuance of the negotiations with Japan may well be dropped. We do not desire that the overall charge and control of a basic industry like this should be handed over to any foreign interest. So it is keeping that basic factor in view that we have dropped the negotiations with Japan so far as the steel plant project is concerned.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: Is it a fact that the integrated iron and steel factory is going to be set up in Madhya Pradesh?

Shri K. C. Reddy: No, Sir; I cannot commit myself to it.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has already answered that question.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, what was the proposal put forward by the Japanese for a joint Indo-Japanese plant?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The hon. member wants details of negotiations to be repeated here. That would not be proper.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: And the negotiations have been dropped.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know, Sir, in view of the dropping of this Japanese proposal, whether Government propose to have their own steel plant?