

that Government might make from time to time cannot be disclosed ahead, because speculators might make use of it. That is about the only thing that we could do. But in regard to the question of quality improvement question of supplying them with materials—at the moment, they are in a better position than what they used to be, because they are using locally made slates for their pencils. As regards the third stage of improvement which they can make—all that they need in this country. We have not yet reached that stage.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether the pencils used in the Central Government offices and State Government offices are of the indigenous make?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, I think that question must be addressed to the Supply department.

Shri S. N. Mishra: It seems the production has gone down by more than half. Do Government think it necessary to take some special steps?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, all steps that we take are special steps in regard to this particular industry. And I have said that the matter is being constantly watched. In fact, this morning I interviewed one of the pencil manufacturers.

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*355. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main port of Goa (Mormugoa) is now being reconstructed and fortified; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that military aerodromes have recently been built in the port area and on the Bambolim plateau?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). There has been some normal development of Mormugoa port involving construction of a sixth wharf to handle increased traffic in ores. Government have no information about

the building of fortifications or military aerodromes.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, whether this development which has just been mentioned is being done by Portuguese money, or, is Portugal being aided and assisted by any foreign power with a view to creating military bases there?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We have no information on that.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, whether the Government of India have been informed in advance about the development of this port and whether the Government are also aware of the fact that the Portuguese authorities have from time to time been declaring that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation extends also to their foreign territories? May I also know whether the Government of India are going to recognise that?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: As far as we know, NATO does not apply to this Portuguese possession of Goa. As far as fortifications are concerned, we have reports that there are no fortifications and so far nothing has been done in that regard. We have a Consul-General in Goa and a Vice-Consul in Mormugoa and according to their reports, there are no fortifications.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: What is Government's reaction to the reported disclosure by the President of the Goan National Conference that Goa is being developed into a strong military base with American aid?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: We have no information about that.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the President of the Goan Peoples Party made a statement in Bombay that American bases are being permitted there and scores of Americans are coming into Goa and so many bases are being made by the Japanese firms there?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Sir, the report that we have is that some years ago the Portuguese had a plan for the development of their overseas possessions and that is about all we know. We do not know whether the Americans or any one else are going to have bases.

**MYSORE IRON AND STEEL WORKS,
BADRAVATHI**

*356. **Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Badravathi, have submitted their steel expansion scheme to the Government of India;

(b) if so, whether that scheme envisages the installation of new plants; and

(c) if so, the estimated expenditure in installing the plants?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The scheme submitted by this concern involved an expenditure of 670 lakhs. The loans sanctioned so far amount to 112.48 lakhs.

Dr. Ram Subbag Singh: What would be the capacity of the plant which has been recommended by this scheme?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, there are various types of plants. For instance, 3 electric pig-iron furnaces, each with a capacity of 35,000 tons. They want certain improvements in regard to mining of ores, an aerial ropeway, an extension to the cement plant, an acetic acid plant, improvements to the foundry and a Bessemer Duplex Plant.

✓ **FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE SETTLEMENTS**

*359. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state how many families have been uprooted from French and Portuguese Settlements and have come to

India as migrants in 1951, 1952 and up till September, 1953?

(b) Have they settled in India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) It is difficult to give exact figures, as the refugees from these foreign possessions do not normally register themselves with the Indian authorities and there is a constant movement of population between these settlements and the surrounding Indian territory.

Upto the end of 1952, about 1500 persons were reported to have migrated from the French settlements to India. In July 1953, about 40 persons came out from Pondicherry due to some labour trouble. No figures are available for the Portuguese possessions.

(b) Yes.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know if the Government of India have made enquiries with regard to the causes of this uprooting and, if so, what steps have they taken to stop it?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The causes of this uprooting are various, labour troubles and a certain amount of what may be called political troubles. That is why people have migrated, Sir.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know what the Government of India proposes to do by negotiations or otherwise to remove these black spots from the map of India?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sir, that is a question dealing with the whole matter of foreign possessions here. It is hardly possible to say in detail what we propose to do except that we try to get them back.

Dr. Ram Subbag Singh: It was just disclosed by the Parliamentary Secretary that there has been constant move of persons from French territories to India. May I know