

Shri Krishna Chandra: May I know the tentative proposals for the utilisation of the power?

Shri Hathi: The tentative proposals are for the present about 25,000 k.w. will be utilised by the establishment of an aluminium factory near Sambalpur; then establishment of a ferromanganese processing factory which is expected to consume about 10,000 k.w.; then mechanisation of mines near about Noamundi and Rairangpur and Rajgangpur, absorbing about 7,000 k.w.; cotton mills, collieries and paper mills and other small-scale industries round about Cuttack, Talcher and Jarsinguda about 15,000 k.w.

Shri Sanganna: May I know the basis on which the cost of production is calculated?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The basis on which all costs of production are calculated. It is the same basis.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if the industries which will consume a large amount of the power are planned so well that they will be erected and will consume the power in 1954-55 or thereabouts when the power will be available?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He wants to know whether the industries will be put up sufficiently early so as to utilise all the power that is produced by 1954-55.

Shri Hathi: That is the intention, Sir.

Shri Natesan: May I know whether the cost per kilo watt given is so many pies or pice?

Shri Hathi: Pies.

Shri Natesan: May I know at what rate they are going to supply the power to the industries?

Shri Hathi: That will be decided later on.

INDIAN TEA PLANTATION LABOURERS IN PAKISTAN

*1034. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a large number of tea plantation labourers, hailing from Bihar, Chhota Nagpore and Madras, have been prevented by steel-helmeted Pakistani troops from leaving Pakistan on the eve of introduction of the passport system?

(b) What is the approximate number of such labourers?

(c) What steps have been taken to facilitate their return to their homes?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) to (c). So far as we know this is not true. The facts are otherwise. These

labourers have been residents of the Tea Estates for a long time, some for two or three generations. Recently, East Pakistan authorities asked them to prove their domicile for inclusion in the electoral rolls. This caused the labourers uneasiness about their national status, which increased as the date for introducing the passport system approached. About 300 are reported to have migrated from East Pakistan. It is not correct that Pakistan troops were employed to stop their migration.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Have Government any idea about the number of Indian labourers who are still in Pakistan?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: As I said here, they have been living in Pakistan for the last two or three generations.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Do Government propose to prohibit migration of Indian labourers to Pakistan?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: No such migration is taking place, Sir.

STATEMENT REGARDING CORRECTIONS IN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 410 ON CONNECTIONARIES.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in regard to my answer to Shri Nambiar's Starred Question No. 410 on the 18th November, 1952, I would like to make the following corrections:—(interruption).

The answer to part (c) should read, "The authorised capital of the company is Rs. 20 lakhs of which 64.94 per cent. is fully paid up". The answer to part (d) should read "We understand that the percentage reserved for Indian Government is 35.06".

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

BOKARO THERMAL STATION

*1035. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendation of the Estimates Committee regarding appointment of a body of experts to investigate as to whether full value of money spent on Bokaro Thermal Station has been obtained, has been considered; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised estimate of the Bokaro Thermal Station Project is