

## WORLD BANK LOAN

\*414. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have approached the World Bank for a loan for Rourkela Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what is the Bank's reaction in this regard?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) No application has been made but informal discussions took place between the World Bank officials and Government of India representatives.

(b) Discussions indicated that there might be difficulty in securing a loan and therefore the matter was not pursued.

**Shri Bahadur Singh:** When the Government intends to raise loan for this Plant, will it be only from Government sources or will the public be invited to contribute any portion of the funds required?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Money, when required, will be found from Government sources. At present, there is no idea of inviting the public to subscribe to the capital of this company.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether the Government is aware of the reports appearing in the Press that the World Bank is not prepared to give loan because this steel plant is going to be a state enterprise?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Yes; I have seen the report. Generally speaking, it seems to be the policy of the World Bank not to entertain loan applications in connection with state-owned and state-managed industrial enterprises.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know whether any other company in England or in Russia is willing to help the Government in putting up a steel plant?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I submit that that is a different question altogether.

## VISIT OF AMERICAN GINNING EXPERT

\*416. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. R. D. Campbell, an American Ginning Expert visited India recently;

(b) if so, what are his main recommendations; and

(c) which of his recommendations are proposed to be implemented by Government?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Government are so informed.

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know whether Government are aware of the Press reports that appeared in several papers that he has made several recommendations to the Government and that the Government are proposing to implement them on the advice of the Central Cotton Advisory Committee?

**Shri Kanungo:** None of the recommendations have been made to the Government. Mr. Campbell has made certain suggestions in the Press. The American Embassy informed the Government of India that one Mr. Campbell would be visiting and proper facilities may be provided. He did not contact the Officer of the Government who was detailed for that purpose.

**Mr. Speaker:** Nothing seems to have been done so far as the Government is concerned.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** I want to ask another question. May I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of establishing precleaning machines because of the complaints that kapas is not cleaned properly?

**Shri Kanungo:** Notice.