

going to take an early decision, as indicated, to locate the sites for additional factories.

**Dr. Lanka Sundaram:** May I know whether there is a proposal made to the Government of India that there should be a fertilizer factory set up in the Nagarjuna-sagar project area or any other place in the Andhra State?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Yes, Sir. It is one of the recommendations of the Fertilizer Production Committee that Vijayawada may be a suitable site for the location of one of these fertilizer plants if and when we are unable to decide upon Neiveli.

**Shri Heda:** In view of the fact that the need for fertilizers is growing are Government thinking of starting a fertilizer factory at a site where the factory can go into production early?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** That aspect is also borne in mind by Government.

#### Machinē Tools

\*745. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 167 on the 28th July, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the survey undertaken to assess the requirements of machine-tools in the country has been completed; and

(b) if so how far the indigenous production is capable of meeting the requirements of the country?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The field work survey of the existing machine tools in the country has been completed and is under tabulation.

(b) An idea about this could be formed only when the report is ready.

#### Bhakra Nangal Projects

\*746. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount already spent by the Punjab Government against its share of the Bhakra Nangal Project; and

(b) whether this amount includes the loan by the Central Government?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Rs. 66,98,06,597 upto the end of September, 1955.

(b) The whole expenditure excepting Rs. 74,71,376 incurred prior to partition of the Punjab has been financed from loans obtained from the Central Government.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** How much loan has been advanced to the PEPSU Government on this account and how much to the Rajasthan Government?

**Shri Hathi:** Rs. 3,04,50,000 to the Punjab and Rs. 2,75,20,000 to Rajasthan.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know what are the conditions laid down for the recovery of these loans from the Punjab and other States?

**Shri Hathi:** The loan is to be repaid at the end of 15 years and the rate of interest, of course, various from year to year according to the rates prevailing then.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the Government has any idea of the total amount of loan that will be given to these States PEPSU, Punjab and Rajasthan for the complete construction of the Bhakra-Nangal project?

**Shri Hathi:** The total expenditure is estimated at about 159 crores of rupees and the expenditure in each of the States would be nearly in the proportion of 59.22 and 19 per cent, but that will depend on some common works, of which deviation will have to be made.

#### Messrs. Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.

\*748. **Shri Chandak:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have advanced Rs. 17,00,000 to Messrs Travancore Titanium Products Ltd., Trivandrum;

(b) if so, on what terms the advance had been made; and

(c) who are the sole Selling Agents of Messrs Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have not got any precise information about the firm's distributing arrangements.

**Shri Chandak:** May I know what other pigment manufacturing company has been advanced financial assistance?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Sir, I should like to explain my reply, 'No' to part (a). When I said, 'No', I meant that Government have not given any loan but I see that the Industrial Finance Corporation have given this firm a loan of Rs. 15 lakhs. No other firm is receiving financial assistance so far as I can see.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** May I know whether any amount has been advanced to this company before this advance, and if so, any debt has been repaid on that account?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I have no information; but, from the advance that has been made they have repaid Rs. 4 lakhs so far.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** May I know what is the nature of the market of this industry within and without the country, and whether the profit is shared by the English firm's representative there?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I see from the capital structure of the Travancore Titanium Products Ltd., that the Travancore State Government has about 51 per cent. the Titanium Products Co., 22 per cent., and there are some 5 or 6 units holding the remaining percentage. So, I think, these participants must be having these profits accordingly.

**Shri Matthen:** The Travancore Titanium Products Ltd. manufacture some material for manufacturing paint. Has the Government any proposal to start manufacture of the rare metal Titanium itself?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice for that.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I enquire whether this concern is now running at a profit and whether it has been possible to rehabilitate this factory because of the aid given by the Centre?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I have no information regarding the exact profits made. But, from the fact that they have paid Rs. 4 lakhs back out of the loan advanced, I should think the firm is taking an encouraging turn.

#### Coal Mines

\*749. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to a supplementary raised on Starred Question No. 1858 on the 16 September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have since arrived at any decision with regard to the nationalisation of Coal mines; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) and (b). The Policy regarding coal production has been reviewed by the Government having regard to the requirements of increased coal production during the Second Five Year Plan period and in the light of the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1948. While the decision is that the Government should expand the production in the public sector to the maximum extent possible it is realised there is room also for the existing private collieries not merely to maintain but to increase their production to a reasonable extent. The additional coal production proposed for the Second Plan period is 23 million tons per annum by 1960-61 and it has been decided that the additional coal production target for the public sector should be taken at 15 million tons and for the private sector at 8 million tons per annum by the end of the Second Plan period. The figure indicated for the private sector is a target of additional production to be achieved from existing collieries and immediately contiguous areas. It is not however intended to be a rigid ceiling.

With regard to existing private collieries Government do not propose to give them any guarantee of non-nationalisation for any definite period as asked for by them. In order, however, that collieries may be able to take steps to increase production to the extent desired' the private industry will be given the assurance that in the event of nationalisation any additional capital expenditure on development schemes approved by the Government would be compensated in full subject only to depreciation.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Eight million tons extra will be produced by the private sector. May I know whether it is from the collieries that are at present working? I ask this because they have got a wide area of lease, something ranging from 20 to 30 square miles. My I know whether these collieries will be able to open up any new mines?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The hon. Member raised a similar supplementary question in connection with a question on coal when it came up before the House and I made the position perfectly clear then. Even in the answer that I have given now I have stated that this additional production of eight million tons in the private sector will be linked up with the production of existing collieries and immediately contiguous areas.