

obviously did not apply to all the newspapers of India, many of which are of very high class and high standard, but it applies to some in big cities or small cities, and further making it clear that nothing was said against countries as such but against sources.

Shri Kamath: Is the House to understand that the Prime Minister is not still quite clear in his mind which of the papers are so financed by foreign sources? Is it a vague charge or a specific charge?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: If I may say, without saying anything further, I am quite clear about some and I am quite unclear about some others.

Special Steel

*731. **Shri Sadhan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture of special steel though not specifically provided for in the Second Five Year Plan is to be undertaken;

(b) if so, the details of the programme of such manufacture; and

(c) the country's requirements of such steel?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): (a) and (b): Yes. Sir.

It is proposed to undertake manufacture of special and alloy steels as part of steel production at one of the steel works in the public sector. The project is now at the preliminary stage of planning.

(c) It is difficult to forecast the demand for the different types of special steels. Indications are that they would be more than 10,000 tons for State undertakings alone. There would be a significant demand from other industries.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know which is the steel works in the public sector which will undertake the manufacture of special steels?

Shri M. M. Shah: No decision has been taken on that.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the fact that special steel is very difficult to get for small-scale industries, may I know, when the special steel is manufactured in our country, whether the requirements of small-scale industrialists will also be taken into consideration?

Shri M. M. Shah: It is expected to meet the requirements of all the industries, including the small-scale industries.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: The hon. Minister said that he has no idea of the coming demand in the Second Five

Year Plan for special types of steels. In view of the fact may I know how the whole outlay is being planned? What is the basis on which it is planned and what will be the production?

Shri M. M. Shah: We are studying the economics of all the three plants and where it will be found most favourable, this particular plant will be attached to it. I have already indicated the production capacity of the Plant.

Dr. Rama Rao: The Badravati Iron and Steel Works is known to produce high class and special class steels already. Do Government consider the advisability of helping this steel works to produce other varieties of special steels?

Shri M. M. Shah: This question has been considered and it is found that it is better to produce steel from scrap iron rather than from pig iron. That is why this new steel works, particularly alloy steel works, is going to be attached to one of the three new steel plants.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: Has any mission or individual been sent abroad to get training in the technical aspect of the matter, and if so, may I know the name of the person or persons?

Shri M. M. Shah: So far, no person has been sent abroad for this purpose, but the question of training is under consideration. As soon as the plan is finalised, action will be taken.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether it has been tentatively decided as to what percentage of our demands would be met by this proposed undertaking of the Government in the public sector?

Shri M. M. Shah: I have already indicated that the plant is going to produce 10,000 to 15,000 tons in a single shift and that is what our anticipated demand is at the end of the Second Plan.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know which are the countries, if any, that have expressed their willingness to give us facilities for training in the manufacture of special steels?

Shri M. M. Shah: Italy, West Germany, East Germany, Britain, U.S.S.R. and United States.

Coir Industry Training School

*732. **Shri Ram Krishna:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme for setting up three training schools for training in Coir Industry has been finalised; and