

Shri B. D. Pande : May I know if our Prime Minister had any talks with the South African Prime Minister in London about this?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan : I am not aware of it.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : What is the attitude of Pakistan in this matter?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan : India and Pakistan have always taken a united stand on this matter.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether the Indian delegate at the U.N.O. had any consultations with the Secretary General of the U.N.O. before taking this step of writing a letter to the South African Government?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan : There is no need to consult the Secretary-General on this point. This is a dispute between two Governments.

Shri K. K. Basu : May I know whether this subject was on the agenda of the recent Prime Ministers' Conference?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan : I am not aware of it.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : साज्य अफीका के हिन्दुस्तानियों के सिलसिले में यू० एन० ओ० के चार्टर में संशोधन करने के सम्बन्ध में वार्ता चल रही है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ने इस विषय में कोई विचार किया है ?

श्री साबत अली खाँ : नहीं, जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है, ऐसा कोई विचार नहीं हुआ।

Soda-Ash Factory

*137. **Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the replies given to Supplementaries raised on Starred Question No. 2302 on the 17th May, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the licence for the setting up of a Soda-ash factory at Mughalsarai (U.P.) has been granted; and

(b) if so, to whom?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Kamath : Has Government taken any decision so far as to how many of these soda-ash plants will be allotted to the public sector and how many to the private sector during the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri M. M. Shah : No soda-ash plants are going to be set up in the public sector.

Shri Kamath : What are the reasons for this particular decision?

Shri M. M. Shah : That is in accordance with the industrial policy statement laid before the House; in accordance with the industrial policy and for want of resources, soda-ash has not been placed in the public sector.

Shri Kamath : How many soda-ash plants are going to be established in India during the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri M. M. Shah : Four.

Shri Kamath : Are all the four plants going to be in the private sector?

Shri M. M. Shah : Yes, Sir.

Shri Kamath : How many applications have been received so far?

Shri M. M. Shah : Three have been sanctioned and about four are pending.

Shri Kamath : In whose favour have they been sanctioned?

Shri M. M. Shah : One in for Saurashtra Chemicals; another is for Tuticorin and a third is under consideration for Bihar.

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*१३८. पंडित द्वा० ना० तिवारी : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लोहे और इस्पात के बारे में नये नियंत्रण आदेश से लोहे के वितरण में सुविधा हुई है; और

(ख) क्या अम्यंशधारियों को लोहा और इस्पात समय पर तथा उचित मूल्य पर मिल रहा है ?

भारी उद्योग मंत्री (श्री म० म० शाह) :
(क) लोहे और इस्पात के बारे में नये नियंत्रण आदेश से वितरण की प्रणाली में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं हुये हैं।

(ख) लोहे और इस्पात के अम्यंशधारियों को लोहा और इस्पात नियंत्रित भावों पर मिलता है। पहले बंदिता माल प्राप्त होने में कुछ विलम्ब हुआ करता