

(b) if so, the decisions taken by it for the development of paper and allied industries under the Fourth Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):** (a) and (b). A statemnt is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Development Council discussed the problems both of technical and financial nature faced by the paper industry such as maintenance of steady growth during the Fourth Plan period, reduction in the cost of production, foreign exchange allocation to paper industry etc., and decided to set up two Committees to recommend suitable remedial measurs.

They further considered the question of availability of raw material for paper industry and recommended as follows:—

- (i) All State Governments should be urged upon to adopt a uniform policy in respect of granting long-term leases of forest areas at reasonable rate to the Paper Industries.
- (ii) Pulping of mixed hard woods to be encouraged.
- (iii) Plantations of fast growing species of timbers to be taken up by the States as well as by the Paper Industries.
- (iv) Bagasse, which is a bye-product of sugar industry should be diverted for the manufacture of paper. Problems arising out of this viz., substitution of bagasse by alternate fuel in the Sugar Mills, the necessity to improve the efficiency of the Sugar Mill boilers etc. have to be solved. The Council set up a separate Committee to look into these problems.

**श्री द्वा० ना० तिवारी :** डेवलपमेंट कौंसिल ने तीन नई समितियों का गठन किया है तो क्या इन तीन नई समितियों ने अब

काम करना शुरू कर दिया है, यदि नहीं तो कब तक वे काम करना शुरू कर देंगी ?

**श्री त्रि० ना० सिंह :** यह तीनों समितियां गठित हो गयी हैं और वह अपना काम भी कर रही हैं ।

**श्री द्वा० ना० तिवारी :** बगाज के सम्बन्ध में जो कमेटी गठित की गई है उस ने अभी तक कोई अंतरिम रिपोर्ट दी है या नहीं और अगर देंगे तो कब तक देंगे ?

**श्री त्रि० ना० सिंह :** एन० आई० डी० सी० के जरिए कमेटी बिठाई गई है और उस की रिपोर्ट करीब करीब तैयार है ।

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:** In view of the sufficient availability of raw materials like forest grass and bagasse, may I know whether any proposal or suggestion was made in this conference regarding the setting up of factories, specially in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

**Shri T. N. Singh:** All these matters are under examination.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** As the question list is over, may I suggest that we may take up Starred Question No. 608?

**Mr. Speaker:** If there is time, it might be answered.

**Diamond Mining in Panna**

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\*608. { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**  
**Dr. Chandrabhan Singh:**  
**Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Uikay:**

Will he Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 230 on the 27th November, 1964 and state the efforts being made by Government for mining in Panna area in Madhya Pradesh with a view to extracting the best of diamonds for export to foreign markets and thus earning foreign exchange?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Thimmaiah):** The Government has sanctioned a scheme for the development of an open cast mine at Majhgawan in Panna area in Madhya Pradesh by the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited. The estimated annual production of diamonds will be 15,000 carats initially, rising to 22,500 carats ultimately. Simultaneously, underground sampling work in the Majhgawan area is being undertaken by the Corporation, and if the results are found to be encouraging, underground mining will also be undertaken. Government has also sanctioned another scheme for prospecting of the Ramkheria area in Panna, which work is expected to be completed by June 1965. If the results are favourable, the question of developing an open cast mine in that area will be considered.

40 per cent of the total production of diamonds from Majhgawan is likely to be of the industrial variety, which will be consumed by the indigenous industries, while the remaining 60 per cent of the production is likely to be of the gem variety. The prospect of exporting the good quality gem diamonds will be considered after the mine goes into actual production.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** If it was such a long reply, it should have been laid on the Table.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Question Hour is over. Thanks to the absentees we have completed the list.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### बिदेशों के साथ सहयोग

\*595. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की इच्छा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मारीशिस तथा कुछ अन्य देशों ने अपने यहाँ भारतीय सहयोग से कुछ

उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिये भारत सरकार से अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस प्रकार के उद्योगों के लिए प्रारम्भिक सर्वेक्षण करने के लिए भी कुछ देशों ने भारत से अनुरोध किया है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वाणिज्य मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री ( श्री सै० बें० रामस्वामी ) : (क) और (ख) जी हाँ ।

(ग) भारत सरकार सम्बद्ध देशों की यथा सम्भव अधिकतम सहायता करने को उत्सुक है ।

सम्भावना सम्बन्धी सर्वेक्षण तथा अन्य प्रारम्भिक कार्य जहाँ कहीं जरूरी होता है किया जाता है ।

#### Publicity of Indian Products Abroad

\*596. { Shri Koya:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shrimati Maimona Sultan:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a scheme to improve the publicity of Indian products abroad to increase exports, through the A.I.R. and otherwise;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the action taken in pursuance thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in library, see No. LT-4074/65].