

Cement Factory near Nagarjunasagar in Andhra Pradesh

585. **Shri Yallamanda Reddy:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to give permission to establish a Cement Factory in the public sector near Nagarjunasagar in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Durgapur Steel Plant

586. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the performance of Durgapur Steel Works is not according to the plan; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). Production at the Durgapur Steel Plant has sometimes fallen short of the target fixed due to some difficulties such as jamming of slag underneath the open hearth furnaces, inadequate facilities for handling Box wagons etc. However, these difficulties are being removed.

खारी पानी

५८७. **श्री तन सिंह :** क्या वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सिंचाई के काम में प्रयुक्त करने के लिये खारी पानी के सुधार सम्बन्धी कोई अनुसंधान कार्य किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां. तो कहां और कब से ;

(ग) इस कार्य पर अब तक क्या खर्च हुआ है ; और

(घ) अनुसंधान से क्या कोई परिणाम निकले हैं ?

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री हुमायून् कबिर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ). सवाल पदा नहीं है होता ।

Loans to States

588. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans given to different States by the Centre during the first two years of the Third Five period;

(b) whether the State Governments have utilised the loans for the purposes for which they were given; and

(c) the rate of interest charged by the Centre on these loans?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Pipeline between Siliguri and Gauhati

{ **Shri Morarka:**
589. { **Shri M. K. Kumaran:**
{ **Shri Hem Barua:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to lay the product pipeline between Siliguri and Gauhati;

(b) if so, the length of the pipeline and the estimated cost;

(c) whether contract has been given to any firm; and

(d) if not, when it is likely to be given?