

speaking, it is cut off from the hinterland of industrial complexes. Therefore, the chances of smuggling are much less. It is very much removed from all industrial areas. Secondly, the zone that we have selected is all very comprehensive. Further, there is no congestion in Kandla which we find in the existing ports. So, it has been selected for this purpose.

**श्री अचल सिंह :** क्या जो माल इस पोर्ट से जाएगा या जो माल अन्दर आवेगा वह एक्साइज ड्यूटी और कस्टम्स ड्यूटी से फ्री होगा ?

**श्री मनुभाई शाह :** वह सब लगेगा । जो माल सीधा बाहर से आकर बाहर चला जाएगा उस पर कस्टम्स ड्यूटी और एक्साइज ड्यूटी नहीं लगेगी, लेकिन जो माल अन्दर बिकने के लिए आवेगा उस पर लगेगी । लेकिन ज्यादातर माल एक्सपोर्ट होगा ।

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** May I know whether Government has considered the representation received from the West Bengal Government regarding the establishment of a free port in Haldia?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** We have received 11 proposals from various State Governments. They will all be looked into after we have gained sufficient experience in Kandla.

#### Salt Industry

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\*557. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri D. J. Naik:**

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of co-operative sectors has been unsatisfactory in the Salt Industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) No, Sir. On the other hand, the progress in this field has been satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise.

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो प्रोप्रेस हुई है इससे किस मात्रा में फायदा हुआ है ?

**श्री कानूनगो :** प्रोडक्शन बढ़ता चल रहा है और तीन सालों में डबल हो गया है, और जो बढ़ा है उसमें करीब १० फी सदी कोआपरेटिव फॅक्टरीज से निकला है ।

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो कोआपरेटिव से फायदे हो रहे हैं, क्या इससे और सदस्यों को भी उसमें जाने का लालच हो रहा है ?

**श्री कानूनगो :** पूरी इजाजत है । बहुत काफी इन्वेस्टिव हैं ।

**Shri Balakrishnan:** May I know in which other industries the co-operative sector has been applied and whether the co-operatives have been working successfully?

**Shri Kanungo:** This question deals only with the salt industry and co-operatives have been very successful there. Co-operatives in the industrial sector is a general question.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the salt industrialists are objecting to the facilities that have been provided to the co-operative sector in the salt industry?

**Shri Kanungo:** No, there has been no such representation.

#### Coal Washery in Bihar

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\*558. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Gokaran Prasad:**

Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kathara in Bihar has been selected for setting up a coal washery with Russian credit;

(b) the total estimated cost of the project and the part thereof to be met from Russian credit; and

(c) when the construction work will start and when it will be completed?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri Thimmaiah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 8,05,49,000, out of which the foreign exchange component is estimated at Rs. 3,67,80,000. This foreign exchange component comprises Rs. 2,57,80,000 under the Rouble Credit from U.S.S.R., Rs. 10,00,000 under the Trade and Payment Agreement with the U.S.S.R. and Rs. 1,00,00,000 for purchases of equipment from other countries.

(c) Construction will commence early in 1964 and the washery is expected to be commissioned in October, 1965. After the necessary trial runs, it will start production in December, 1965.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether this plant will be constructed solely by the Indian engineers or with the help of Russian engineers?

**Shri Thimmaiah:** It will be with the co-operation of U.S.S.R. technicians.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** What will be the washing capacity of this plant?

**Shri Thimmaiah:** The intake capacity of this washery is 3 million tons.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** After this washery goes into action what will be the demand for washery that will remain still unfulfilled?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam):** When this washery goes into production, it will meet the entire requirements of the steel plants. As was pointed out, it will be producing 1.3 million tons of clean coal.

### Alloy Steel Plant at Durgapur

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**Shri S. C. Samanta:**

**Shri Subodh Hansda:**

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**

**Shri B. K. Das:**

\*559. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**

**Shri Raghunath Singh:**

**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

**Shri Gokaran Prasad:**

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contract has been signed with the Japanese firm for setting up the Alloy Steel Plant at Durgapur;

(b) if so, whether the construction has been started by the firm;

(c) whether it has started the assembling of machinery parts from Japan; and

(d) if so, the percentage of the total machineries which have arrived?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi):** (a) Yes, Sir. An agreement has been signed with a Japanese consortium.

(b) to (d). Preliminary work at site has been taken in hand by the Consortium. They have started manufacturing different units of the plant and equipment in Japan and the delivery schedule is to commence from the end of March, 1964.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know from which other countries a portion of the machinery will be imported?

**Shri P. C. Sethi:** Canada, apart from Japan.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the plant will go into operation according to schedule?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam):** We hope so. We are trying to keep to schedule.