

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether we have enough personnel to man this alloy steel plant? If not, what arrangements are being made to man this project?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Persons are under training now, and there will be sufficient number of personnel available when the plant goes into production.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस एलाय स्टील प्लांट की स्थापना के लिए क्या और देशों से भी बातचीत की गयी थी या केवल जापान से ? और यदि हाँ, तो जापान से ही बातचीत करने का क्या कारण था, और इसमें कुल कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Tenders were received from ten countries and it was found that the Japanese tender was the most advantageous. So we selected that.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether it will be necessary to import any raw material for this plant?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes, certain high-grade alloys may have to be imported in the initial stages. Later on, we will be producing the alloys within the country.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What will be the value of the product when this plant is working to its optimum capacity?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The production would amount to 60,000 tons of various categories of special steel. Roughly, the average price would be round about Rs. 2,000 to 2,500.

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : मैं जानना चाहूँगा कि हमारी भारत सरकार ने भी इसको कुछ मदद दी है क्या ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This is a public sector project.

Tariff Reduction on Export to E.C.M. Countries

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Balgovind Verma:
Shri Kajrolkar:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's aide-memoire asking for tariff reduction on some of her exports to E.C.M. countries has been discussed by the Council of Ministers of E.C.M.; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) I place on the Table of the House a statement giving details of the recommendations of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community for concessions in the Common External Tariffs approved by the E.C.M. in respect of some products included in the Indian Aide memoire. We have been informed that these recommendations have been accepted finally with certain modifications, the details of which are also given in the statement which I lay on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2108/63]. Fuller details concerning the decision are awaited.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Could we have an idea of the impact upon our export trade as a result of the provisional decision which has been mentioned in the statement?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It will help our exporters because there will be freer movement.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: That I know. How can it be otherwise? But, what will be its approximate impact on our exports?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is not possible to assess it now.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether any further attempts are being made for further concessions in the case of existing goods and for inclusion in the list of other goods which are now not mentioned?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We have presented our case on all items, particularly on manufactured goods and semi-processed goods.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या ई० सी० एम० के कंट्रोल ने हमारे देश से जो निर्यात होता है उस पर भी कोई खास शरयत रखी है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : यही तो स्टेटमेंट में बताया गया है। इसमें १४ प्रोडक्ट दिए गए हैं जिन पर दो पर सेंट से २८ पर सेंट तक की ड्यूटी थी, जो उन्होंने तै किया है कि बिल्कुल ड्यूटी नहीं ली जाएगी, खाली एक प्रोडक्ट पर कोई टैरि पर सेंट ली जाएगी।

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether Government has pressed for reduction of duty with regard to jute goods, hand-knitted carpets and handloom goods and, if so, with what effect?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Regarding the whole textile section, including cotton textiles and woollen fabrics and jute goods the negotiation is still going on because that is one of the most sensitive sectors in respect of the Common Market.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether the Council of Ministers of ECM Countries which met at Brussels has given any final reply to all the points mentioned or there are some points still under consideration by the Council of Ministers?

Shri Manubhai Shah: This is only just a small portion of the Aide Me-

moire. The rest of the points will continue to be discussed and comprehensive agreements arrived at over the next seven years.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: From the statement it is found that mostly the primary products are now given some exemption. May I know whether there is any special reason or any special objection to giving concessions to the manufactured articles from our country?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That is precisely the point we have been urging, that the industrialised world should make room for the manufactured products of less developed countries. But that is still a matter of debate. The World Trade Conference in Geneva is going to deliberate on that. It will take quite a long time before the world opinion is changed to that aspect.

Coal Production

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*562. } **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
} **Shri P. C. Borooah:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of coal for 1962-63 has gone up to 63.83 million metric tons;

(b) whether stocks of medium and lower grades of coal are building up because of non-disposal; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the production target of collieries for the last quarter of Third Plan?

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

(b) Coals of Grades I, II and III are generally categorised as medium and lower grades of coal. Their stocks have undoubtedly gone up this year.