

Question No. 684 on the 20th December, 1963 and state:

(a) whether any decision regarding the setting up of a small furnace for pig iron in Bhilai Steel Plant has since been taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Daji..... All right next question.

Shri Bade rose—

Mr. Speaker: I have been looking there, but he did not stand up. What should I do?

Shri Bade: You called Shri Daji and so I thought he would be putting a supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: You should have seen whether he was getting up or not.

Shri Bade: It is about Bhilai; it is a very important question.

Mr. Speaker: Next question. Shri P. C. Borooah—absent; Shri Mohan Swarup—absent; Shri D. D. Mantri,—absent; Shri P. Srinivasan—absent; Shri Paramasivan—absent; Shri R. S. Pandey.....

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He is present but he does not want to put the question.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Ram Harkh Yadav.

Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Question No. 687.

Cement Production

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{ **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**
 { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
 { **Shri Mohan Swarup:**

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{ **Dr. P. Srinivasan:**
 { **Shri Paramasivan:**
 { **Shri R. S. Pandey:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the production of cement has increased since the grant of the new incentive providing for a bonus to factories producing in excess of the maximum yield during the past three years;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the question of withdrawing control from cement in view of the increased production; and

(c) how far the target of cement production is expected to be achieved in the light of the past yield and the present rate of increase in production?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Cement production in the year 1963 was about 7.7 lakhs tons higher than in the year 1962. While a portion of this came from new installed capacity, the bulk of the increase was the result of better utilisation of existing capacity.

(b) There is still a wide disparity between the demand for cement in the country and the available supply.

(c) Cement production is expected to reach the level of about 12 million tonnes per annum by the end of Third Plan period, against a target of 13 million tonnes.

Shri Nath Pai: Is it a fact that the Government have given a licence to a party I do not know whether private, or combined one or the public sector—to instal a new cement plant in the city of Bombay and if so what will be the capacity of this new plant?

Shri Kanungo: I have not got the information.

Shri Nath Pai: From the proceedings of the Bombay legislative Council which I saw this morning, the local Industries Minister has said that they are going to have. How do they function?

Mr. Speaker: Further questions might be put there.

Shri Nath Pai: Industrial control is vested in this Government.

Mr. Speaker: He says that he has no information. No further questions can be put.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know whether the Government have granted or revoked any licence for fresh cement factories during the last year?

Shri Kanungo: Yes, Sir; licences to the capacity of 2.7 million tons have been given.

Mr. Speaker: Revoked?

Shri Kanungo: No revocation so far but show-cause notices have been issued in some cases.

श्री रा० ल० तिवारी : सीमेंट की कीमत लगातार बढ़ती जा रही है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह कभी घटेगी ?

श्री कानूनगो : सीमेंट की प्राइम कंट्रोल्ड है। हमारी डफक्टिव डिमांड है। २० मिलियन टन और हमारा एंटीमिपेटेड प्रोडक्शन है १३ मिलियन टन। इसलिए सीमेंट की कमी तो अवश्य रहेगी।

श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : उत्तर प्रदेश में सीमेंट की काफी कमी है। क्या सरकार यह विचार कर रही है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में सीमेंट का कारखाना खोला जाए ?

श्री कानूनगो : जी हाँ, विचार हो रहा है। हम चाहते हैं कि नए नए प्लांट लगे।

श्री कछवाय : मध्य प्रदेश में सीमेंट की बहुत मांग है और वहाँ कारखाना खोलने के लिए लाइसेंस दिया भी गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह कारखाना अभी तक चालू क्यों नहीं हुआ ?

श्री कानूनगो : कई पार्टिज, जिनको लाइसेंस दिए गए थे, उनको शो काज नोटिस दिए गए हैं। उनका कारखाना न खोलने

का एक कारण यह भी है कि उनको मैशिनरी के लिए फारिन एक्चेंज उपलब्ध नहीं होता।

श्री बड़े : मध्य प्रदेश में सीमेंट का कारखाना नहीं खोला गया, इसलिए उस पार्टी को शो काज नोटिस दिया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सही है उसने सरकार को यह जवाब दिया है कि आप हमारे लिए फारिन एक्चेंज का इतिजाम नहीं करते इसलिए कारखाना नहीं खोला जा रहा। मैं यह नीमच की फैक्टरी के बारे में कह रहा हूँ।

श्री कानूनगो : इस बारे में मुझे याद नहीं है। लेकिन जवाब में जो कैफियत दी गयी है उस पर गौर किया जायेगा।

Shri Daji: I want to know the number of units which have been given show-cause notices for delay, the number of cases of delay due to non-allotment of foreign exchange by the Government and the number of cases where the delay is due to some mistake of the industrialists?

Shri Kanungo: I have not got the exact figures, but I think in about more than 10 cases, show cause notice has been issued. As for the contents of the explanation, I have no information.

Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: May I know whether the Government propose to open any cement factory in Assam because the natural resources are available in Khasi-Jaintia Hills?

Shri Kanungo: I believe the Assam Government is doing it.

श्रीमती चावदा : अश्रक्ष महोदय, मैं जानना चाहती हूँ कि सीमेंट की इतनी कमी है फिर भी काले बाजार में सीमेंट कितनी माफ़ी मिलता है ?

अश्रक्ष महोदय : आपने इत्तला देरी और उन्होंने ले ली।

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सीमेंट की कमी को पूरा करने के लिए कितने नए लाइसेंस दिए हैं।

श्री कानूनगो : कहा न कि २-७ मिलिन टन के लिए।

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : नए लाइसेंस कितने दिए हैं ?

Shri Kanungo: Licence for a capacity of 2.7 million tons has been granted and further steps are being taken to expedite the setting up of that capacity.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: Will Government consider the proposal to set up a cement factory in Madhya Pradesh in the public sector, in view of the fact that foreign exchange could not be supplied to the private sector?

Shri Kanungo: Shortage of foreign exchange will apply to everyone. But there are better prospects of cement production in Madhya Pradesh than elsewhere.

Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah: In view of the large amount of cement to be spent in the construction of the Rajasthan Canal, does the Government propose to set up a new cement factory in Rajasthan?

Shri Kanungo: There is no proposal at present like that.

Dr. M. S. Aney: Does the Government propose to open a cement factory at Rajura in Maharashtra? Sometime ago it was announced that some company in Bombay was given a licence to open it.

Shri Kanungo: I have no proposal like that at the moment. But I will certainly have the proposal from the hon. Member.

Copper Deposits in U.P.

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*688. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Copper belt has been found in Garhwal in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the ore has been analysed to find out its contents; and

(c) the result of the analysis?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No, Sir. No recent discovery has been made. However, a belt with low grade copper mineralisation is known to extend over a length of over 100 kilometres in that area. No economically workable deposit of copper has hitherto been located.

(b) and (c). Samples analysed by the Geological Survey of India have mostly shown mere traces of copper.

Nahan Foundry

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*689. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
 Shri D. D. Puri:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri S. B. Patil:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
 Shri Tan Singh:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri David Munzni:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nahan Foundry, a public sector undertaking in Himachal Pradesh, has run into heavy losses;

(b) if so, whether the figure of losses has been worked out; and