

**Steel Requirements by Government Undertakings**

**606. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**  
Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any calculations of the consumption of steel by Government through their various undertakings and projects/departments; and

(b) if so, the percentage of consumption of steel by the private citizens and the Government undertakings including Railways, P.&T., Shipping and Transport?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri F. C. Sethi): (a) On the basis of despatches made directly to Government indentors (including Railways etc.) and on the assumption that about 20 per cent of the steel despatched controlled stockists were consumed by Government departments, it is estimated that during 1965-66, the consumption of steel by Government departments was 16,91,890 tonnes. In 1966-67 (upto November, 1966) 10,17,836 tonnes of steel was consumed by Government departments, on the same assumption.

(b) The steel supplied to Government departments was roughly 40 per cent of the total steel sold in the country.

**Aluminium Factory in Maharashtra**

**607. Shri K. Anirudhan:**  
Shri Umanath:  
Shri K. M. Abraham:  
Shri Vinwanatha Menon:  
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:  
Shri F. P. Esthose:  
Shri Bibhuji Mishra:  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:  
Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee:

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

(a) the progress made by the Bharat Aluminium Co. (BALCO) in

setting up the Aluminium Plant in Maharashtra since the 1st January, 1964;

(b) the total amount spent so far;

(c) whether the Managing Director is qualified to do his job and which is the location of his headquarters; and

(d) whether Government propose to investigate into the causes of delay in the completion of the project?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) The decision to implement the Aluminium Plant in Maharashtra in the public sector was taken by the Government of India on 15th January, 1964. Following the decision, negotiations were conducted by the Government with the West German Consultants Messrs. Vereinigte Aluminium Werke (VAW) who were previously associated with the project when it was envisaged in the private sector. Arrangements for providing the necessary credit from West Germany, France/Italy etc. had also to be made. The Bharat Aluminium Company was formed on 27th November, 1965 and after further negotiations, the company entered into an agreement on 6th January, 1966 with M/s. V.A.W. for technical assistance for the Koyana Aluminium Project. According to the terms of the agreement M/s. V.A.W. submitted a Detailed Project Report in July, 1966. As the project cost estimates indicated by M/s. V.A.W. were found to be on the high side, further clarifications were obtained by BALCO. On receipt of clarifications from the Consultants, BALCO are revising the project estimates and are now working out the feasibility of the project.

(b) A sum of Rs. 22.96 lakhs was spent by the Bharat Aluminium Company on this project upto 31st March, 1967.

(c) Yes, Sir. His headquarters are temporarily located in New Delhi.

(d) As explained in reply to part (a) of the question, the project estimates

for the Koyna Aluminium Project have still not been formally approved pending establishment of the economic feasibility of the project, based on the revised estimates. The question of investigating into the causes of delay in completion of the project does not, therefore, arise.

**तुर्की (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे) स्टेशन पर दुर्घटना**

608. श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :  
 श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :  
 श्री राम सिंह अयरवाल :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 22 अप्रैल, 1967 के "हिन्दुस्तान" में छपे समाचार के अनुसार 34 डाउन जनता फास्ट वैस्केजर रेलगाड़ी की टक्कर पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के तुर्की रेलवे स्टेशन पर मुजफ्फरपुर से 14 मील की दूरी पर हो गई थी।

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के कारण क्या थे; और

(ग) उससे जान तथा मान की कितनी हानि हुई है ?

**रेलवे मंत्री (श्री वे० मु० पुनावा) :**  
 (क) जी नहीं। सम्भवतः माननीय सदस्य का प्रायः उस दुर्घटना से है जिसमें 34 डाउन जनता फास्ट वैस्केजर 19-4-67 को तुर्की और रामदयालुनगर स्टेशनों के बीच पटरी से उतर गयी थी।

(ख) दुर्घटना रेल पटरी पर एक मील के आ जाने के कारण हुई थी जो गाड़ी से कुचलकर मर गयी और इस वजह से गाड़ियों के आने-जाने में रुकावट पैदा हो गयी।

(ग) किसी व्यक्ति की मृत्यु नहीं हुई। रेल सम्पत्ति को लगभग 10,000 रुपये की हानि होने का अनुमान है।

**मैंगनीज का निर्यात**

609. श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :  
 श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुल्लुवाहू :  
 श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :  
 श्री राम सिंह अयरवाल :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जापान ने भारत से 10 लाख रुपये के मैंगनीज आयात करने का निर्णय किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इससे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त होने की संभावना है;

(ग) क्या सरकार अन्य देशों को भी मैंगनीज निर्यात करने का विचार कर रही है;

(घ) प्रति वर्ष भारत से विभिन्न देशों को कितने मैंगनीज का निर्यात किया जाता है तथा उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ङ) भारत में प्रति वर्ष कितने मैंगनीज की खपत है ?

**वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) :**

(क) और (ख). एम० एम० टी० सी० ने जापान की इस्पात मिलों से 1967-68 में दस लाख पीड मूल्य के लोहित मैंगनीज अयस्क की बिक्री का समझौता किया है।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) और (ङ). पिछले कुछ वर्षों में विभिन्न देशों को मैंगनीज अयस्क के निर्यात तथा भारत में मैंगनीज अयस्क की खपत दिखाने वाला विवरण तथा पटल पर रखा गया है। [वृत्तिकात्मक में रखा गया। देखिए संख्या LT-415/67]

**Indonesian Trade Delegation**

610. Shri N. K. Sanghi: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state: