

अधिकारियों ने लोकसभा चुनाव की अवधि अथवा इससे पूर्व स्ट्रक्चरल फैब्रिकेशन का काम पार्टियों को बड़ी दरो पर देकर कम्पनी को लाखों रुपए की हानि पहुंचाई थी, उनकी पदोन्नति की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ग्योरा क्या है ?

इत्याद और खान मंत्री (श्री बीजू पटनायक): (क) जी, नहीं। उल्लिखित अवधि के दौरान हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लि० द्वारा ढांचों के संविरचन का काम किसी भी पार्टी को बड़ी दरो पर नहीं दिया गया था और इस संबंध में कम्पनी को कोई हानि नहीं हुई है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Expenditure on foreign delegates who attended Gauhati session of Youth Congress

6001. DR BHAGWAN DASS RA-
THOR: Will the Minister of EXTER-
NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of foreign delegates who had come to attend the Gauhati Session of the Youth Congress were provided local hospitality by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations; and

(b) if so, how much expenditure was incurred on each delegate?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAJEE): (a) Some of the foreign delegates who were youth leaders of standing in their own countries had come as observers to the Gauhati session and were provided hospitality by the ICCR at Delhi and Agra.

(b) The total expenditure incurred by the ICCR on 47 of these foreign delegates came to Rs. 81,775.56. This works out to an average expenditure of Rs. 1,740/- approximately on each such delegate.

Korba Aluminium Plant

6092. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULE-
KAR: Will the Minister of STEEL
AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aluminium Plant at Korba is running at loss or at profit and the extent of loss or profit;

(b) whether in the revised estimate of Ratnagiri project profitability is expected for Alumina and/or Aluminium plant without township and the extent of profitability;

(c) whether only Rs. 10 lakhs out of Rs. 49 crores budgeted for BALCO for the year 1977-78 are to be spent over Ratnagiri Project and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government propose to permit Indian Aluminium Company of Belgaum to receive Bauxite from Dhangawadi and Udgir in Kolhapur district which Bauxite is meant and reserved for Ratnagiri project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) The estimated loss of the Korba Aluminium Plant for 1976-77 is Rs. 3 crores. This is due to the operation at present of only 25 per cent of the scheduled smelting capacity of 100,000 tonnes per annum.

(b) The updated cost estimates of the Ratnagiri project are under examination

(c) Owing to financial constraints, work on the construction of the Ratnagiri Project has not been taken up and a provision of only Rs. 5 lakhs.