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Effect of Imports on India's Industrial Growth

1158. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allowed import of large number of equipment, machinery and parts for coal mines in the Private Sector;

(b) if so, the names of companies which applied for the imports of parts etc. in 1969, 1970 and 1971 along with the list of the spare parts during these years;

(c) whether these equipments could have been manufactured in the Mining and Allied Machinery Plant at Durgapur or in other factories in the country; and

(d) whether bulk importation of foreign equipment machinery spare parts and bulbs greatly harm and retard the industrial growth of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) :

(a) Government has not allowed import of Capital equipment for coal mines in the Private Sector during the years 1969-70 and 1970-71. Import of spare parts and component only was allowed,

(b) A statement showing the names of the companies/collieries which were allowed import of spare parts and also des-

cription of stores, during the years 1969-1970 and 1971 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 295/71]

(c) The Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation and the Indian Engineering Association are represented on the Import Licence Screening Committee which screen the applications for Import Licences and spare parts/components available from indigenous sources are not allowed to be imported.

(d) Import of mining machinery and equipment/spare parts etc. are resorted to when the same are not available from indigenous sources. To that extent, the industrial growth of the country is not retarded because the indigenous industry is not geared to produce those items which are imported.

Bangla Desh aid Committees

1159. SHRI P. K. DEO :
SHRI PRAFODH CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of Bangla Desh Aid Committees have been constituted in the country in the wake of political developments in Bangla Desh; and

(b) whether Government have ensured that the money collected by these Committee is properly spent for the purpose for which the same is being collected ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BAL GOVIND VERMA) : (a) As far as the Government is aware, an Organisation called 'Bangla Desh Assistance Committee' has been set up under the chairmanship of Shri M. C. Setalvad in Delhi.