

Bombay on 29th October, 1974 and put forward the same demand. They dispersed peacefully after the factual position in regard to Jelay in the commencement of construction work was explained to them.

Completion of Ratnagiri Project

1568. SHRI SHANKERRAO

SAVANT:

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PANDE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of work done so far on the Aluminium Project at Ratnagiri during the current financial year and the quantum proposed to be done before 31st March, 1975;

(b) the reasons for slowing down the work on this project; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD). (a) & (c). Government approved the Ratnagiri Aluminium Project in April, 1974 at an estimated cost of Rs 78,825 crores. A provision of Rs 50 crores has been made for this project in the 5th Plan. However during the current year only a provision of Rs. 1 crore has been made on account of non-availability of resources. The schedule for the completion of the project can be determined only after the position regarding availability of funds is finalised.

Political relations with Israel, Taiwan and North and South Vietnam

1569. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the nature of our political relations with Israel, Nationalist China (Taiwan), North Vietnam and South Vietnam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): Our political relations with these countries are summed up as follows:—

(i) Israel.

India has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

(ii) Taiwan (Nationalist China)

India does not recognise Taiwan.

As such the question of political relations with Taiwan does not arise.

(iii) DRVN (North Vietnam)

We maintain diplomatic relations with the DRVN at the Embassy level.

(iv) RVN (South Vietnam)

India has consular relations with the R. V. N.

Demurrage paid to Cargo Ships

1571. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH. Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) the number of ships carrying goods that arrived at Indian ports alongwith the names of their countries during the last three months;

(b) the amount of demurrage paid by the Government to those ships during the last three months; and

(c) the main reasons for paying that demurrage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Sabha.