

सरकार के पास यह शिकायत आई है कि उन को जो सुविधायें मिलनी चाहियें वे नहीं दी जा रही हैं ।

**श्री प्र० चं० सेठी :** उन की आवश्यकतानुसार जो सुविधायें देने की जरूरत है वे दी जाती हैं ।

**श्री कछवाय :** मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या यह बात सही है कि कुछ लोग जिन के पास लाइसेंस हैं वे उन का उपयोग नहीं करते ? यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार के सामने कोई तजवीज है कि उन के लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिये जायें और दूसरों को दे दिये जायें ?

**श्री प्र० चं० सेठी :** यदि वे एक निश्चित अवधि के पश्चात् तक उन को अमल में नहीं लाते, तो उन को नोटिस दे कर लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिया जाता है और दूसरों को दे दिया जाता है ।

#### Expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant

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\*68. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Vishwanath Pandey:**  
**Shri Kolla Venkaiah:**

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh agreement providing for Rs. 48 crores for the expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant has been signed between West Germany and India;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(c) whether any delegation has gone to West Germany for the purchase of machinery and equipment for Rourkela's expansion programme?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi):** (a) Yes, Sir. An agreement for a loan of DM 400 million for expansion of the Rourkela steel plant was signed between West Germany and India on the 25th April, 1963.

(b) The loan is intended to meet the cost of supplies and services obtained from West Germany for expansion of the Rourkela plant proper. The loan is granted for a period of twenty years and bears interest at the rate of 5½ per annum.

Copies of the loan agreement are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) No, Sir. But a delegation went to finalise the procedure of disbursement of the loan and a few other connected matters.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Is any period within these 20 years without payment of interest or are we going to pay interest throughout the period of 20 years?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I think it carries interest throughout the 20 years. But there is a grace period of five years for payment.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Is this the final instalment of expansion or has the Ministry some other plans also for further expansion of this plant?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Yes, in the Fourth Plan there will be further expansion of the Rourkela plant.

**Shri Tyagi:** Is Rourkela working to its full capacity? If not, what is the shortage in percentage?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is working almost to full capacity.

**Shri Morarka:** May I know the of determining or fixing the price of supplies and equipment which are going to come from Germany?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** We are calling for tenders inside West Germany. It has been fixed on the basis of the tenders.

**Shri Priya Gupta:** Is the cost required for raw materials for Rourkela the same or different from other steel plants? What is the basis of fixing the price for raw materials to get the total output cost to be balanced?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** It is a completely different question.

**Shri Priya Gupta:** It is a question regarding Rourkela concerning production cost.

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I am sorry it does not relate to the main question.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** What will be the additional number of German technicians and other personnel who will have to be brought as part of this expansion project? What will be the approximate cost of services on that account?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I am sorry I cannot give details immediately.

**Shri Nath Pai:** Is it a fact that the roof where the rolling mill is located collapsed because there was accumulation of dust on the roof? If so, has it been taken into consideration whether the present roof of the steel plant will be able to bear the additional capacity proposed to be installed there?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** A small portion of the roof, not over the rolling mill, but of the LD converter mill collapsed because of accumulation of iron dust there. But that has been looked into. It was due to negligence and proper action is being taken.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** What will be the added capacity to the Rourkela plant and how does the expansion cost compare with the cost of expansion being undertaken both at Durgapur and at Bhilai?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** This expansion is 1 to 1.8 million tons. The comparison is quite favourable.

**Shri K. C. Pant:** Will Government call for tenders directly from the German firms or will some Indian or German engineering company do the co-ordination work? This is for the machinery.

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Order for machinery has been placed by the Hindustan Steel directly.

#### Export of Iron Ore to Japan

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Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri Basumatari:  
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri Raghunath Singh:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri Morarka:  
Shri Ravindra Varma  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
Shri Mohan Swarup:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri V. B. Gandhi:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
Shri Sideshwar Prasad:  
Shri Brij Raj Singh:  
Shri Kachhvaia:

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Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India signed an agreement with Japan for export of iron ore for two years;

(b) if so, its broad terms; and

(c) the extent of export and the manner of payment?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Under the contract in 1963-64 sales to Japan will be made of 2.54 million tons of iron ore (2.2 million tons of 65/62 grade, .22 million tons 65/65 grade and .12 million tons 62/60 grade). In 1964-65 the sales will be 2.775 million tons (2.4 million tons 65/62 grade, .225 million tons 65/65 grade and .15 million tons 62/60 grade). In addition 30,000 tons of iron ore will be sold at buyer's option, for each of the years 1963-64 and 1964-65.

The sales will be in cash in foreign exchange. The overall sale proceeds