

Shri Kanungo: The terms of reference are mentioned in the statement placed on the Table. There is no necessity for any specific representation. It is a Committee appointed by the Central Advisory Council out of its members.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: इस में मेम्बर सेलेक्ट करने के लिये क्या क्राइटीरिया रखे गये हैं, और कितने टेकनिकल और कितने नान-टेकनिकल लोग आये हैं।

श्री कानूनगो: यह टेकनिकल सवाल नहीं है, यह एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव सवाल है। इस में एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव आफिसर और मेम्बर कौंसिल रखे गये हैं।

Shri Indrajit Gupta: It appears from the statement that the terms of reference of this Committee oblige it to suggest modifications in the operation of controls. It says 'modifications as would reduce delays in decisions'. I would like to know whether in the terms of reference, though they are not stated here, it has been made clear to the Committee that relaxation of controls should not go to a stage where it might mean nullification of the Industrial Policy Resolution itself.

Shri Kanungo: That is obvious.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Not at all.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view of the prevailing situation in the country, has Government set any time-limit for the Committee to make its report or is it to go on in a happy, merry way?

Shri Kanungo: I have said that we expect the report in three months.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the production of basic materials for industry in the country be within the purview of this Committee?

Shri Kanungo: It is not a question of production; it is a question of procedure.

Bokaro Steel Plant

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Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooan:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottekkatt:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri J. B. S. Bist:
Shri G. Mohanty:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Vishwanath Pandey:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Kappen:
Shri Swell:
Shri Heda:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri R. Barua:
Shri Koya:
Shri Kashi Nath Pandey:
Shri H. C. Soy:
Shri Morarka:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
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Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:

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

(a) whether any final project plan

has been made for setting up Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that Japan has offered to make financial and other aid available for the purpose; and

(c) whether any collaboration or assistance from any other country is being sought?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) A firm of Indian consultants, Messrs. Dastur & Co. has submitted a detailed project report for the setting up of Bokaro Steel Plant. The report is at present being examined by a Technical Committee set up by the Hindustan Steel Limited.

(b) and (c). No firm offer has been received from any foreign Government for assistance in the setting up of the steel plant. However the possibility is being explored of purchasing such equipment from abroad as cannot be manufactured indigenously, by such additional credits as may be forthcoming for this purpose.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Is it a fact that this particular steel plant will be established in 1967-68?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): That is the programme given in the detailed project report, that the first phase of the Bokaro steel plant should be implemented by 1967-68.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Is any help forthcoming from any other country except the USA which has rejected it?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes, general interest has been shown by many countries.

Shri Hem Barua: Has the attention of Government been drawn to a statement made by Mr. Chester Bowles, the American Ambassador here to the effect that by a reallocation of funds made available by the USA for other projects, resources for Bokaro to the tune of \$200 million could be found? If so, how far does this statement correspond to facts?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I have also seen that statement. But I have not made the calculations about it.

Shri Hem Barua: May I submit this is a very relevant question? A statement is made by Mr. Chester Bowles, the American Ambassador, and for the Minister to say . . .

Mr. Speaker: It was relevant. That of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering has given such information as he has.

Shri Hem Barua: He says they have not calculated as yet.

Mr. Speaker: The difficulty is that the hon. Member has got much more information than the hon. Minister.

Shri Hem Barua: He has that information also.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Irrespective of whatever assistance we may or may not receive from abroad, may I know whether Government has made any assessment of the extent to which we will be able to construct this Bokaro plant by using our indigenous resources of equipment and technical knowledge?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We are currently doing that exercise to find out to what extent we will be able to fabricate the equipment for Bokaro.

श्री रामसेवक यादव: मंत्री जी ने कहा कि कई मुल्कों ने दिलचस्पी दिखाई है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वे कौन कौन से मुल्क हैं और उन से क्या सहायता मिलने की उम्मीद है और किस हद तक।

श्री प्र० च० सेठी: जहाँ तक सहायता मिलने का प्रश्न है, जब टन्डर बुलाये जायेंगे उस समय जहाँ से क्रेडिट अवलेबल होगा, जसा कि पहले बतलाया गया है, उसे देख लिया जायगा।

श्री यशपाल सिंह: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सरकार ने यह जानने की कोशिश क्यों नहीं की कि यह प्राइवेट सेक्टर में तैयार हो सकता है या नहीं। अगर सरकार प्राइवेट

सेक्टर को इजाजत देती तो अब तक इस काम की शुरुआत भी हो जाती ।

श्री प्र० चं० सेठी: प्राइवेट सेक्टर में स्थापित होने का प्रश्न नहीं है । यह प्रश्न पहले ही तय हो चुका है ।

श्री गुलशन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि बेकारों को काम देने के लिये बाहरी देशों से जो सहायता मिल रही है वह किस रूप में खर्च की जायगी । और वह कौन सी योजना है ?

Mr. Speaker: That is a different question altogether.

श्री श्रीराम लाल बेरवा : मैं जानना चाहूँगा कि सरकार ने क्या यह जानने की कोशिश की है कि अमरीका ने सहायता देने से इन्कार क्यों कर दिया ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस बात में हम क्यों जायें ?

श्री श्रीरामलाल बेरवा : पहले उन्होंने सहायता देने का कड़ा, उस के बाद इन्कार कर दिया तो कोई कारण तो होगा ?

Shri Swell: The Minister has said somewhere that Government will be calling for global tenders for certain material components of the plant as cannot be manufactured at the Ranchi Heavy Engineering Corporation. May we know whether those tenders have been called, and the items for which the tenders have been called?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I have already stated just now that we are trying to find out what are all the equipments which can be fabricated within India. We would be calling for tenders for the rest of the items.

Shri Nath Pai: Is the Minister in a position to confirm or deny reports which appeared in a section of the press here and abroad that the reason for the American withdrawal of the offer of help was that there was a lobby, an Indian lobby, operating in

the United States representing certain vested private interests in the country which tried to dissuade the United States?

Shri C. Subramaniam): I thought we withdrew the offer. We had asked for assistance, and we withdrew that request. There were some reports that certain private individuals were lobbying there that this could be set up in the private sector.

Shri Nath Pai: If it is true that a project in the national interest was thus hampered by individuals, what is Government's attitude and which were the parties which tried to hamper the national interests like that?

Mr. Speaker: I cannot allow the second question. Shri Sharma.

Shri Nath Pai: Very explosive?

Shri A. P. Sharma rose—

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir . . . !

Shri A. P. Sharma: You had called me, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: There are two Sharmas. That has created the confusion. I had called Shri A. P. Sharma. I will be more careful in future.

Shri Raghunath Singh: Senior or junior.

Mr. Speaker: I have not called the professor, but the Shri Sharma with the black jacket.

Shri A. P. Sharma: Has Government taken any decision to give preference to the local people in the matter of recruitment, preferably those who have been dislodged from their lands?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We would take that into consideration in making recruitment.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I think you should call me always D. C. Sharma, so that there is no confusion. I wanted to know . . .

Mr. Speaker: Then let us decide that in future whenever I have to call

him, I will call him D. C. Sharma. When I have to call the other gentleman, I will call him Sharma.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I accept your ruling.

May I know what percentage of the outlay on this plant approximately will be met out of our indigenous resources, and what percentage we will have to get from foreign resources?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is rather difficult to make an estimate. Apart from equipment, other things could be done indigenously. Roughly 30-35 per cent of the equipment could be fabricated in India.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know whether the Minister feels confident that after constructing the Bokaro steel plant with internal resources we can go ahead with other steel mills in the Fourth Plan?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes, Sir, that is our plan, to reach a target of 18 million tons of ingot steel by the end of the Fourth Plan.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know whether US collaboration for any specific part of the Bokaro plant is ruled out?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not expect it because it has been made clear that aid will not be available for Bokaro plant.

श्री ह० च० सौय : चूँकि हमने यह फैसला कर लिया है कि हम बोकारो प्लांट स्थापित करेंगे चाहे अमरीकी मदद मिले या न मिले, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसमें कोई निर्माण कार्य भी हो रहा, या अभी हम केवल प्लान ही बना रहे हैं ?

श्री प्र० च० सेठी: निर्माण कार्य का जहाँ तक सम्बन्ध है, जमीन एन्वायर कर ली गयी है, प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट आ गयी है, उस पर एक्सपर्ट कमेटी विचार कर रही है। उसके बाद टेंडर निकाले जायेंगे और टेंडर निकालने के बाद कांस्ट्रक्शन का काम शुरू होगा।

Shri Daji: In view of the fact that the Minister just now accepted that there were some private interests who worked against the scheme, I would like to know whether Government has found out who those interests were and how it was possible for them to work in a foreign country against national interests and also if any action is contemplated against them?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The name of one particular individual has come to our notice but I am trying to find out whether it was an individual affair or somebody else also was behind that.

Fertilizer Project at Durgapur

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 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Mohammad Elias:
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 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri B. K. Das:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Morarka:
 Shri Ravindra Varma:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a fertilizer project has been approved for implementation at Durgapur during the current Plan period by the Fertilizer Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). No, Sir; the fact is that a fertilizer project was approved for implementation at Durgapur by a private company proposed to be formed for the purpose, with minority participation by the Government of West Bengal. The project which was sponsored by the Government of West Bengal, was based on the utilisation of surplus gases from the Durgapore Coke Ovens as feedstock and envisaged the production of 400 tons of Urea per day. For various reasons the State Government were unable to implement the project and have now asked the Government of India to get