

Shri C. Subramaniam: As far as Bhopal is concerned, our consultants are the Associated Electrical Industries of U.K., and they give the blue-prints and the design. As for Hardwar, it will be the Russians who would provide the design, and for Ramachandrapuram in Hyderabad the Czechs will provide the designs.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: The hon. Deputy Minister just now said that by 1973-74 we will be self-sufficient so far as these equipments are concerned. Keeping that in view, may I know why the work at Ramachandrapuram is lagging behind schedule and, if that is so, what arrangements the Government propose to take to cover up the lag and see that it comes into production as early as possible?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is not lagging behind schedule; as a matter of fact, it is keeping up to the schedule.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : इस वक्त हम ३६ करोड़ रुपये का सालाना बिजली का सामान मंगा रहे हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि तीसरे प्लान के आखिर तक इसमें कितने की कमी आ जाएगी ?

श्री प्र० चं० सेठी : ३६ करोड़ का नहीं लेकिन अभी १९६३-६४ में तीस करोड़ का सामान मंगाया गया है। कमी को पूरा करने का जहाँ तक सवाल है वह चौथे प्लान के आखिर तक या पाँचवें प्लान के मध्य तक पूरी हो सकेगी।

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know whether the present manufacture of generators, turbines and switch gears in particular is tagged on to the projects that are on in the country at the moment or such machineries are manufactured other than that also?

Shri C. Subramaniam: They are now tied down to various projects and to various State Electricity Boards.

Gypsum Deposits in Garo Hills

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Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri R. Barua:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an extensive deposit of gypsum has been located near Mahendraganj in the Garo Hills;

(b) the steps being taken to assess the quantum of the reserves; and

(c) whether setting up of gypsum based industries is envisaged in and around this area?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri Thimmaiah): (a) and (b). The Directorate of Geology and Mining, Assam, is reported to have located a gypsum deposit at Gangrapara near Mahendraganj in Garo Hills. The State Directorate is conducting prospecting operations in the area.

(c) This can be considered only after the quantum and quality of the reserves have been assessed.

Shri Jedhe: What are the other sources of gypsum in the country?

Shri Thimmaiah: I would require a separate notice to answer that question.

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): In Rajasthan we have got a good supply of gypsum.

श्री श्रीकारसाल बैरवा : जिप्सम की खानों का कहां कहां पता लगाने की कोशिश की गई है ? क्या राजस्थान में भी की गई है, यदि हां तो कहां कहां और नहीं, तो क्यों नहीं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल एक जगह के बारे में है, गारो हिल्स के बारे में। वहां के लिये कर लीजिये।

श्री श्रीकारलाल बैरवा : जिप्सम के बारे में दुसरे स्थानों के बारे में नहीं ?

प्रध्म्यक्ष महोदय : जी नहीं ।

Shri Kapur Singh: What are the major gypsum-based industries that can be set up in that area?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Fertilisers.

Shri Jedhe: May I know the small-scale industries that require gypsum and the provision made in the Third Five Year Plan?

Mr. Speaker: This is not a general question on gypsum and where it can be utilised.

Indo-German Venture 'UTMAL'

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*992. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
 Shri Jedhe:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of West German Firms had discussions with the Government of India on the scope of operations of the UTMAL, an Indo-German venture for machine manufacture near Rourkela; and

(b) the various items of manufacture proposed to be taken up by the UTMAL and the volume of investment to be made?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Utkal Machinery Ltd., referred to as Utmal, is an existing industrial undertaking at Kansbahal near Rourkela in Orissa State. The firm which is an Indo-German venture was set up for the manufacture of various items of machinery. A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the articles for which it is licensed. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-2692/64]. The representatives of the firm, have been having discussions with the Government, from time to time, about problems relating to the project, including its manufacturing programme.

The total investment in the company is Rs. 250 lakhs out of which the investment of the three West German firms is Rs. 166.665 lakhs.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether this Indo-German venture has indicated to the Government already what specific equipments and machineries they will undertake to manufacture by the end of the Third Plan?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): They are taking up almost all the machineries indicated in the schedule. The capacity indicated is 12,000. Just now they are producing 6,000 tonnes of machinery.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether a three-man delegation led by the General Manager of Rourkela went to Germany; if so, what contract has been entered into there?

Shri C. Subramaniam: That delegation is with reference to the Rourkela project; that has nothing to do with this project.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: What was the scheduled time for production and has it been delayed because of some defects in the policies and the contracts?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Not as far as I am aware. This is one of the efficient units which are producing according to schedule.

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: May I know whether these equipments will be manufactured indigenously or whether any percentage of imported components will be required?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It depends upon the equipment to be produced. Some of the equipments do require components from abroad.

Shri Jedhe: What is the strength of German technicians in this venture?

Shri C. Subramaniam: I do not have the exact number of Germans functioning here.