

fluctuations in retrenchment and recruitment for the last 25 years and, also, in view of the fact that some of these employees have long years of service to their credit, can the employees be assured that the Home Ministry has already undertaken to issue circulars to all the other government offices and also to the semi-autonomous corporations in order to see that these people may be fitted in without any loss in emoluments and seniority?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** As I have already stated, we have addressed the Home Ministry. They are also looking into this sympathetically, and I hope satisfaction will be given to the employees of the Steel Control Office.

#### Cement Research Institute

\*1095. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Cement Research Institute will be established near Delhi;

(b) if so, who are the collaborators for this institute; and

(c) the terms of collaboration?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Institute will be a co-operative enterprise, in which all the cement producers in the country and the CSIR are participating.

(c) For meeting the capital cost and recurring expenditure of the Institute, the industry will contribute 10 nP per tonne of cement sold in India. The C.S.I.R. has agreed to sanction grants upto an amount equal to the contribution made by the industry, depending upon the expenditure incurred to be incurred by the Institute from time to time.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** What is the financial implication for setting up this research institute, and may I know what is the Government's participation in it?

**Shri Kanungo:** The CSIR has undertaken to finance it on a 50:50 basis depending upon the expenditure. The capital and recurring expenditure for the setting up of this institute are being worked out and they have not yet been finalised.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether this institute will be run under an autonomous body or it will be managed by the Government?

**Shri Kanungo:** It will be an autonomous body.

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether this research institute will go into the question of bad quality cement, cement not up to the mark and specification, produced in some of the factories, which the Government do not accept for PWD works and the Railways do not accept for construction of bridges etc.; if so, what steps will be taken by the Government to advise these cement factories to do their work properly?

**Shri Kanungo:** Standards regarding quality of cement are laid down. If any manufacturer produces cement which is not up to those standards, he is liable for prosecution.

**Shri Basappa:** I have given instances, the instance of Ammasandra cement factory in my constituency, where the factories are not doing their work properly.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is all right.

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह संस्था बनाने में कितना समय लगेगा और इस पर कितना खर्च होगा ।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** खर्च के बारे में मिनिस्टर साहब ने बताया है कि अभी अन्दाज़ा नहीं है ।

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** समय कितना लगेगा ?

**Shri Kanungo:** I think in about another six months the programme will be finalised.

**Shri Ranga:** Just as there are representatives of the Indian Standards Organisation in many of the public sector enterprises like the Machine Tools Factory and HEL, have the Government instituted a similar system here also in order to ensure the quality of cement and to see that the cement produced by the cement factories conforms to the standards laid down?

**Shri Kanungo:** There are established standards for Portland cement of various grades, and any person who is palming off cement which is not up to those grades is liable for prosecution.

**Shri Ranga:** Do Government keep any inspectors of their own as they are doing in respect of so many other factories in order to ensure that the quality is maintained?

**Shri Kanungo:** No; Government have no inspectors, but all the factories have got internal quality control and the Government, being the bulk purchaser, also tests it at the time of delivery.

**Shri R. S. Pandey:** Is the Cement Research Institute going to have a complete survey of the country so as to know where the raw material is available?

**Shri Kanungo:** No; that is not the function of the Institute.

**श्री अचल सिंह :** जब और जगहों पर आलरेडी रिसर्च इंस्टीट्यूट्स हैं, तो एक और इंस्टीट्यूट दिल्ली में खोलने की क्या आवश्यकता पड़ी है ?

**Shri Kanungo:** The reason is that the Building Research Institute is nearby and the Road Research Institute is in Delhi. Therefore the location of the Institute is considered by the scientists to be more appropriate in Delhi.

**Shri Liladhar Kotoki:** What are the broad aspects of researches that this proposed Institute will undertake?

**Shri Kanungo:** That is being worked out.

**Shri P. N. Kayal:** Have the producers of bad quality cement so far been prosecuted?

**Shri Kanungo:** I have no information.

**Shri Ranga:** No information; no standards.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know whether, apart from helping in maintaining the quality of the cement, fundamental research will also be taken up by this research institute?

**Shri Kanungo:** The programme of research has not been worked out. That is what I said.

**Shri Ranga:** In view of the fact that there were complaints in regard to the Sharavati project also that defective cement was supplied, even when according to him Government have some apparatus to test cement when they make their bulk purchases from these producers, may I know whether Government have taken care to see that whatever machinery they have in order to test this cement is foolproof and can be relied upon?

**Shri Kanungo:** I hope, they are.

**Shri Ranga:** It is only a hope. Will they care to see even now?

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

#### Ophthalmic Glass Manufacture

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{ **Shri Vishram Prasad:**  
\*1096. { **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**  
          { **Shri Basumatari:**

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in connection with the project to manufacture certain