

पहुंचे हैं कि राष्ट्रीयकरण से कोई फायदा नहीं है और उसकी जरूरत भी नहीं है।

Franco-German Steel Consortium

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Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shrimati Renuka
Barkataki:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Franco-German Consortium is interested in the setting up of a steel plant in India; and

(b) if so, government's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Mines (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Government is not aware of any Franco-German Consortium as such, but certain German and France parties have shown interests in exploring possibilities of setting up of a Steel Plant in this country. They have been told that such collaboration/assistance would be welcome provided finance on suitable terms could be arranged. However, the Government have not received any specific proposal from these parties.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: क्या इस कानसेशियम ने कोई कास्ट ग्राफ़ प्राडक्शन का नक्शा भारत सरकार के सामने रखा है ?

श्री प्र० चं० सेठी : मैंने मूल प्रश्न के उत्तर में कहा है कि कोई कानसेशियम नहीं है। अभी कुछ पार्टीज ने केवल इन्ट्रेस्ट शो किया है। अभी कोई डीटेल्स तय नहीं की गई हैं।

श्री नाथपाई : यह कैसी हिन्दी है— 'पार्टीज', 'इन्ट्रेस्ट', 'शो', 'डीटेल्स' ?

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार ने इस बात का अन्दाजा लगाया है कि फ़ारेन कन्ट्रीज में कितना कास्ट ग्राफ़ प्राडक्शन है और इंडिया में कितना है ? क्या इसका अन्दाजा लगाया गया है कि वे कितनी मुनाफ़ाखोरी करते हैं ?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): This question is about the consortium, about some approach. Cost etc., cannot be covered in this. We are taking up our Demands and the cost of steel production and all that can be discussed during that debate.

Shri Kapur Singh: Have the Government an open mind with regard to this particular proposal that it may be in the public sector or in the private sector, or is their mind closed on it?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: Our steel plants will only be in the public sector. There are no two opinions about it.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पब्लिक सेक्टर में जो स्टील प्लांट लगाया जायेगा, वह किस सूबे में लगाया जायेगा— आन्ध्र में या मद्रास में ?

एक माननीय सदस्य : य० पी० में नहीं।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : य० पी० में तो नहीं हो सकता है। य० पी० का तो सवाल ही नहीं है।

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: That question does not arise. It has not even taken any shape. Even discussions have not started.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: The World Bank has expressed its willingness to help in financing the expansion of two private sectors. May I know whether it has expressed also its readiness about financing this public sector?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: No, Sir.

Shri Subodh Hansda: In view of the experience gained at the Rour-

kela steel plant which has been set up with the collaboration of Germans and the cost of production in steel plants being the highest in our country, I would like to know why the Government again want to enter into agreement with the German consortium?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: It is the German Government that has assisted us in the setting up of the Rourkela plant. If some private industrialists form a consortium, as the Anglo-Americans are attempting to do now, that has absolutely no bearing on it.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that on the floor of this House the Minister for Steel and Mines told us that for future setting up of steel plants we will stand on our own legs; if so, may I know why the other offers that are being put before Government are being considered?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: We need financial assistance. Technically, perhaps, our engineers are capable of drawing up plans and all that. That will be considered later. But just at present if somebody is prepared to help us with finance we will be happy to receive it.

श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : जर्मनी और फ्रांस के जिन लोगों ने यह इच्छा व्यक्त की है कि हिन्दुस्तान में इस्पात का कारखाना स्थापित किया जाये, क्या उन्होंने किसी दल को यहां भेजने का विचार किया है, ताकि वह हिन्दुस्तान में आकर जांच कर ले और फिर कारखाना ऐस्टैब्लिश करे ?

श्री प्र० च० सेठी : अभी दल का सवाल नहीं है। जर्मनी के कारखाने की ओर से उसके एक प्रतिनिधि 1964 में यहां आए थे और इसी प्रकार फ्रांस के एक प्रतिनिधि, श्री लेवाइबर, 1963 में यहां आए थे। उसी के आघार पर यह विचार किया गया है।

श्री श्रींकार लाल बरवा : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस कारखाने में सरकार क्या

मदद करेगी और सरकार का क्या प्राकृत रहेगा।

श्री प्र० च० सेठी : अभी प्राकृत का कोई सवाल नहीं है। अभी तो कारखाने को स्थापित करने की बात है।

Shrimati Lakshmikanthamma: Is the proposed visit of the hon. Minister to France of an exploratory nature?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: I am hoping to visit other countries also to tie up some of the existing plants, etc.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know whether during the course of his visit to Germany and other countries the hon. Minister will pursue this matter and come back with a definite proposal so as to get the necessary financial assistance for setting up steel plants?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: It is a long way to go before you can take any final decision. You can talk to them, but it is not so easy because the fifth steel plant itself will take time. About the sixth plant I am not able to say; it may flow into the Fifth Plan.

Export of Textiles to Saudi Arabia

*1102. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 94 on the 20th November, 1964 and state:

(a) whether as a result of the steps taken by the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council in collaboration with the Indian manufacturers/exporters of textiles there has been any improvement in the position of textile exports to Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, the present position in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). It is too early to assess the results of the steps