

**Setting up of Steel Plants in Foreign Countries**

212. SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :  
 SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
 SHRI SAMINATHAN :  
 SHRI NARAYANAN :  
 SHRI MAYAVAN :  
 SHRI DHANDAPANI :  
 SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-  
 GRAHI :  
 SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up steel plants in foreign countries with the collaboration of Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) in which countries India and U.S.S.R. are planning to set up steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :  
 (a) There has been no concrete proposal to set up steel plants in foreign countries with Soviet collaboration, but the possibility of India participating with the U.S.S.R. in third countries in such venture will be kept in mind as and when occasions arise.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Corporation in Public Sector to Manufacture Paper**

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 SHRI MAYAVAN :  
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to set up a Cor-

poration in the public sector to manufacture paper;

(b) if so, whether he has termed the behaviour of the paper industry even after decontrol as most unhelpful;

(c) whether since decontrol there has been a price rise twice; and

(d) the time by which the Corporation will take up the manufacture of paper ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Government have decided to set up a Corporation in the public sector to manufacture paper.

(b) The paper industry has been asked not to effect any further increase in the price of paper without prior consultation with Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Corporation is expected to take up the implementation of some projects for the manufacture of paper during the next financial year. It generally takes about three to four years for a new paper mill to come up.

**Postponement of Bye-Elections to Parliament and State Assemblies**

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 SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :  
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 SHRI NARAYANAN :  
 SHRI MAYAVAN :  
 SHRI DHANDAPANI :  
 SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :

Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bye-elections to Parliament and Legislative Assemblies were postponed;

(b) if so, when these Elections will be held;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) how many Bye Elections are to be held ?