

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** They are at least present.

**SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:** But there are many **MINSKERS** who do not know.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Question No. 515—  
Shri Subhash Ahuja.

बैलाडिला में लौह अयस्क पेलेट-संयंत्र

\* 515. श्री सुभाष आहुजा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लौह अयस्क के पेलेट बनाने के लिए संयंत्र स्थापित करने की सरकार की कोई योजना है, क्योंकि बैलाडिला क्षेत्र में यह अयस्क प्रचुर मात्रा में उपलब्ध है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या बैलाडिला में पेलेट बनाने का संयंत्र स्थापित किया जायगा ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस संयंत्र को स्थापित करने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):** (a) and (b). The proposal for setting up a pelletisation plant for utilising Bailadila iron ore fines is under active consideration of the Government.

(c) Construction of the plant is expected to take about 3 to 4 years after investment decision.

श्री सुभाष आहुजा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जसा कि मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि बैलाडिला से निकलने वाले लौह-अयस्क के चूरे का उपयोग करने के लिये एक कारखाना लगाने का सरकार का विचार है । मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूँगा—सरकार ने इस संयंत्र को स्थापित करने के लिये किन-किन स्थानों का सर्वे किया है तथा किस स्थान पर

इस प्लांट को स्थापित करने का सरकार का विचार है ?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** I have said that it is under the active consideration of the government. What more does he want to know?

श्री सुभाष आहुजा : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि स्थानों का सर्वे कब तक किया जायेगा और आप कितने समय में इस कारखाने को लगा देंगे ? मध्य प्रदेश सरकार की तरफ से आप के पास ऐसा प्रस्ताव आया है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार इस कारखाने को स्थापित करने के लिये तैयार है, वह इन कारखाने को नेशनल डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन की सहायता से स्थापित करना चाहती है । क्या मध्य प्रदेश में इस कारखाने को लगाने की सम्भावना है ? यदि सम्भावना है तो कब तक लगा सकेगे ?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK** The hon. member is giving information. I do not have that information

**MR. SPEAKER:** He has asked by what time you are likely

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** After the decisions are taken, it will take three to four years

**MR. SPEAKER:** Are you willing to entrust it to the Madhya Pradesh Government?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK** There is no such proposal.

**SHRI VEERABHADRAPPA:** When will the pelletisation plant at Donawahi commence?

**MR. SPEAKER:** This does not arise from this. This is only about Bailadila Plant.

**SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA:** The location of Bailadila is such that it is almost a loss to transport this ore as it is, I think, through Vizag to

Japan and all that. All the cost is taken away by transporting it by the railways. It takes about 60 to 70 per cent of the cost. So, it is not the question of 'under consideration'. May I know from the Minister will he immediately take a decision in the national interest that the pelletisation plant is established there or elsewhere. There are other pelletisation plants in this country. But why should Bailadila be left out and postponed or delayed in that manner. It should be immediately located or the whole thing should be stopped. There is no point in spending everything on transport and get very little price for ore.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: If the life was so simple as the hon. member depicts, they would have themselves started this plant when they were in power. Obviously there is difficulty of marketability of that product. Today there is depressed demand. One has to think carefully before making an investment of Rs. 100 crores.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: I think situation changes everywhere.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: Situation in the world just now is towards the diminishing return in the steel industry. So, this Government is not prepared to make statements which will just those made at the time of laying of foundation stones during election kind of business. We do not do that kind of thing.

श्री बागीरथ बंबर : अध्यक्ष महोदय, बैलाडिला में कच्चा माल उपलब्ध है और बैलाडिला एक ऐसा स्थान है जो बिल्कुल पिछड़ा हुआ है और वह एक भादिवारी क्षेत्र है। वह एक ऐसा क्षेत्र है, जहाँ पर मजदूरों की बहुत तादाद है और उनमें बेकारी दूर करने की दृष्टि से वहाँ पर एक कारखाना खोलना बहुत जरूरी है। अभी प्राप ने कारखाना खोलने के लिए कोई स्थान तय नहीं किया है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह

जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार ने कोई योजना प्राप के पास भेजी है और यदि भेजी है तो प्राप वहाँ पर एक कारखाना खोलने की स्वीकृति देंगे ?

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: I have already answered that question. I have nothing more to add.

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: You are well aware that Chougule have put first pelletisation plant.

MR. SPEAKER: We are on Bailadila.

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: They are likely to take one more plant also. Your answer that there is no demand for pelletisation does not hold good. I wonder whether your attachment for the private sector is the reason for the delay?

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: Chougule plant was started when the hon. member was in the treasury benches. I did not start that. You must not forget your past before you point out anything on the Janata Government. In the second Chougule's plant, the sale of that product which was contracted before in which the Government of India or the Steel Authority of India have got really 33-1/3 per cent shares is also facing some difficulty. We have to plan it carefully for the marketability and take intelligent risk. As I said, it is under active consideration of the Government.

Project Allowance to P & T Staff,  
Bokaro

\*516. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel plant at Bokaro steel city (Bihar) is still under construction;

(b) whether there is any provision for the payment of project allowance to the Central Government employees