

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The report was submitted in August, 1979 and we took up the matter with the Kerala Government thereafter. No reply has been received from them so far and we will follow up the matter with them.

Setting up of a Cement Plant in Orissa

*863. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a cement plant in Orissa;

(b) whether any plan therefor was framed by the previous Government in the three years' rule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) Apart from two existing cement plants in Orissa, two letters of intent have already been granted for setting up new cement plants in favour of Messrs Hindustan Steel Limited and Messrs Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa at Rourkela and Kutra-Kringsera respectively. Proposal for enhancement of capacity of the proposed plant of Messrs Hindustan Steel Limited is also under process.

(b) No plan was exclusively framed for development of Cement Industry in Orissa.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI: I understand from the reply given by the hon. Minister that two Letters of Intent have been issued to establish new cement plants in Orissa. In this context, I would like to know the production capacity of these two new plants, by what time they will go into production and if that will meet the requirements of the State.

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The initial licensed capacity for Hindustan

Steel Ltd., Rourkela was 11.55 lakh tonnes, but as I have mentioned in my main reply, they have now applied for enhancement of their licensed capacity to 21.00 lakh tonnes. As far as the second plant is concerned, the licensed capacity is 65,000 tonnes. And I can assure the hon. Member that this will definitely improve the supply position of cement in the State.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI: What will be the total employment potential that will generate after the two new cement plants in Orissa go into production? Further, what will be the estimated cost of these two cement plants which are likely to be commissioned?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: I require a notice for this. I shall reply to this later.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, this is a question of statistics; nothing more, this can be replied later.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: In view of the acute shortage of cement in the country, may I know as to what is the thinking of the Ministry with regard to setting up of mini-cement plants in the country?

MR. SPEAKER: The main question concerns only the setting up of new plants in Orissa.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: This is an important question connected with the main question.

MR. SPEAKER: No.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: The hon. Minister has said that two Letters of Intent have been issued and the proposal for enhancement of capacity of the proposed plant by Hindustan Steel Ltd. is under consideration. I would like to know when they are going to start the work actually and how much time they will take to complete these projects.

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: The first Letter of Intent was issued on

23rd March, 1979 to the Hindustan Steel Ltd., and the second one was issued on 18th April, 1980. The Hindustan Steel Ltd., has applied for expansion of licensed capacity. It normally takes about three years for a cement plant being set up. So, it would have to be taken from the date it starts actually functioning.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Is it a fact that in 1974, the present Prime Minister, Mrs. Gandhi laid a foundation stone at Paradip for the establishment of a cement factory there, and that that foundation stone was thrown away by the recent Janata Government when it was in Power in the State? Has the present State Government of Orissa represented several times for a cement plant at Paradip? If so, what is the Government reaction to it?

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: I don't have the details of this stone-laying and stone-throwing—and on the second point also.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: It is an important question; and information may be obtained and supplied second point also.

Firms manufacturing Power Protection Relays

*864. **SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of firms in the country manufacturing power protection relays and equipment for electricity generating and distributing establishments in the country; and

(b) how far their production is adequate to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) At present there are four units engaged in the manufacture of power protection relays and equipments.

Three more units are expected to go into production during 1980.

(b) At present there are marginal shortages which are being met by imports. With the coming into production of three more units during the year the indigenous production is likely to be adequate for meeting the demand.

SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Only yesterday, the Minister of Power gave a written answer to a question, in which he said that there were about 10 firms; and of them, 4 were in production, whose installed capacities were 49,200, 12,500, 30,000 and 5,040 respectively. I find that 5 more firms with installed capacities of 27,000, 22,000, 32,000, 18,000 and 10,000 have been installed, although they had not yet gone into production. It seems that there is a fairly large demand for these power protection relays and equipment. I would like to know how the Government says that the demand is only marginal, when they have licensed so much of capacity.

SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA: My reply to the hon. Member was that at present, there were marginal shortages which were being met by imports. In addition to the 4 units which are functioning—about whose installed capacities the hon. Member spoke, and what he said was correct—six licences have been given only for the purpose of filling in the demand for the future. So, I have submitted to the hon. Member and to the House that we are referring to catering to the demand of the future also—demand of to-day and the tomorrow to come.

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