

policy and I am sure the hon. Member is aware of that. But I would like to mention that the Government has taken a decision to instal larger stations with an approximate installed capacity of 2000 megawatts at the sites because we find that they are cost effective. Land use, population, environmental factors and various other things will have to be looked into before a large atomic power station is set up.

SHRI B. V. DESAI: The hon. Minister has just now mentioned about the Committee. Is it not a fact that that Committee has recommended, as a first preference, Munirabad in the Tungbhadra area for setting up such a project?

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: As I have already stated, this Committee was set up on the 16th July and we have had no recommendations from this Committee so far.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I would like to know whether it is a fact that there is already a nuclear power unit supposed to be under construction at Kalpakkam, which happens to be in the southern region of India, in case you do not know ...

MR. SPEAKER: Are you a student of history as well as geography?

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I am a scholar, not a student. (*Interruptions*). Is it not a fact that the Government has been hopelessly behind schedule in the completion of the Kalpakkam power unit which is in Southern India? By what time do the Government propose to complete this nuclear power unit?

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: The hon. Member mentioned that he is a scholar, and I am sure, he would be scholarly in understanding that in our efforts towards self-reliance in technological developments and indigenisation, delays owing to certain faults in various parts of our programme are inevitable. We are trying to

rectify them. As far as building of an atomic power plant goes, India can hold its head high ...

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I asked a straight question ...

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: I am explaining the reasons why the delay has taken place. We are manufacturing most of the things in India and certain factors have been responsible for delay and I am sure that those will be rectified to the benefit of ...

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: When do you propose to complete the Kalapakkam power unit? It is hopelessly behind scheduled.

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: I cannot give a definite date.

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED: Already, a nuclear complex is located in Hyderabad and the other infrastructure is also available. Will the Government consider having such a unit at Hyderabad?

SHRI C. P. N. SINGH: It is a suggestion from the hon. Member.

Closure of Rama Cast Engineering Motihari, Bihar

*144. **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rama Cast Engineering, Motihari in the district East Champaran at Bihar has been closed since long;

(b) if so, the reasons of its closure and the action taken by the Central Government thereupon; and

(c) the final timings when it is going to be reopened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India are not aware of the reasons for its

closure nor do they propose to take any action in this regard. The Government of Bihar have been informed that it would be open to them to take such action as they consider appropriate.

(c) The Government of India have no information on this.

श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर : अध्यक्ष महोदय, एक तो चम्पारन अपने आप में बहुत पिछड़ा हुआ इलाका है, उस इलाके में एक कारखाना था जो कि पिछले कई सालों से बन्द है। मैंने प्रधान मंत्री जी के यहाँ पत्र भेजे, मुख्यमंत्री से बातें की, लेकिन उसके बावजूद अभी तक वह उद्योग बन्द पड़ा हुआ है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार कौन से उपाय करने जा रही है, क्या इसको टेक-ओवर करने जा रही है और उसका मैनेजमेंट अपने हाथ में लेकर उसको खोलने का प्रयत्न किया जायेगा ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): I have already explained to the hon. Member and I will submit it again in the House that as per the Industrial Policy Statement made in July, 1980, we take over a unit only in exceptional circumstances. In this particular case, we do not know the reasons of closure. We have requested the Bihar Government to take necessary action in the matter. We have got the latest information that they are taking action in the matter. As soon as a reply comes, of course, I will personally inform the hon. Member.

श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर : मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ आप से कि क्या बिहार गवर्नमेंट ने कोई समय निर्धारित किया है जिसमें कार्यवाही करने जा रही है या आपने कोई निर्देश दिया है कि इतने समय में यह रामा कास्ट इंजीनियरिंग खोला जाये ?

श्री चरन्जीत चानना : हम समय तो निर्धारित नहीं करते, यह कहते हैं कि

जल्द से जल्द तुरन्त हमको जवाब दे। यह लिखते और कहते रहते हैं। डेट हमने हमने फिक्स नहीं की है न उन्होंने कुछ बताया है। लेकिन आपके कहने के मुताबिक हम उनको बहुत जल्दी कह रहे हैं कि इस पर एक्शन ले, उन्होंने कहा है कि एक्शन ले रहे हैं।

Rise in Prices of Cement

*146. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of times during the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 upto 31st July, 1981, the cement prices have been raised;

(b) whether any cost audit of the production costs of the cement at the old and new factories has been ordered at any stage to determine the profit margin per tonne of the cement manufacturing companies if so, when and the outcome of the investigation; and

(c) if not, whether he will order this cost audit now as the cement manufacturers are asking for another hike and there is no end of their frequent demands for raising the sale price at the cost of the consumer?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) While the consumer price of cement was raised once, the retention prices of cement payable to cement Producers were revised upward twice during this period.

(b) Cost Audit of Companies is ordered by the Department of Company Affairs in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 with a view to ensuring that proper books of accounts are maintained by such companies. In the case of Cement Industry, Cost Audit has been ordered in respect of 31 Companies, as detailed in the Annexure. Cost Audit Reports aim at proper maintenance of