

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Friday, August 8, 1980/Sharavana 17,  
1902 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN:**  
Mr. Speaker, under Rule 388....

MR. SPEAKER: No.

**SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN:**  
I have asked for the suspension of the  
Question Hour.

MR. SPEAKER: I have not allowed.  
I have got your.... But I cannot sus-  
pend the rules.

**SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN:**  
Am I allowed to make a submission?

MR. SPEAKER: No, no.

**SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN:**  
यह बहुत सीरियस मामला है। जिस  
वक्त हम सेन्स्यूर मोशन डिसकस कर रहे  
थे, वेस्ट बंगाल गवर्नमेंट ने माल्दा जिले में  
कम्यूनल राइट करा के कितने लोगों को  
मार डाला है। (व्यवधान)

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**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** ऐसे करने से काम नहीं  
चलेगा। माननीय सदस्य रूल 377 या किसी  
आर मांशन का नोटिस दे दें, जिसको हम  
ले सकें। मैं करवा दूंगा। लेकिन यह  
नहीं हो सकता है।

(व्यवधान)

**श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान :** आप चीफ मिनि-  
स्टर का ब्यान देखिये, जिसमें उसने केन्द्रीय  
सरकार पर जिम्मेदारी डाली है। (व्यवधान)  
हमारी मांग है कि वेस्ट बंगाल गवर्नमेंट को  
डिसमिस किया जाना चाहिए। (व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदय:** श्री चिन्तामणि जेना।

### Export of Cows and Elephants

\*899. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:**  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be  
pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether cows and elephants are  
exported to foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the names of those coun-  
tries and the amount of foreign ex-  
change earned therefrom during the  
last three years, (country-wise and  
year-wise, separately)?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
AND STEEL & MINES (SHRI PRA-  
NAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Export of  
cows is allowed for breeding purposes  
only. Export of Elephants is allowed  
for scientific or zoological purposes  
only on a restricted basis.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table  
of the House.

## Statement

## Export of cows and elephants

	1977-78		1978-79		1979-80		Quantity in numbers
							Value in Rs. lakhs
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	(Upto July, 1979)
<b>1. Cows</b>							
United Arab Emirates . . . . .	50	0.21	10	0.07	..	..	..
Saudi Arab . . . . .	..	..	100	0.63	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>2. Elephants*</b>							
Italy . . . . .	12	1.83	..	..	..	..	..
Tunisia . . . . .	8	2.40	..	..	..	..	..
U.S.A. . . . .	**21	0.72	..	..	..	..	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4.95</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>

\*The above figures are provisional and subject to revision.

\*\*These figures are under verification.

Figures for 1979-80 are not yet available. .

**SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:** May I know from the hon. Minister whether the policy of the Government is to export these two types of animals to the foreign countries or any other type of animal like sheep, goat, camel, etc.?

From the statement you can kindly see that the figures mentioned in regard to cows and elephants are provisional and are subject to revision. In the case of elephants these figures are under verification. Figures for 1979-80 are not yet available.

How can we rely on the figures? It is for you to consider. However, I want to know what was their indent for the years in question and are the cows and elephants sent according to their demand or according to our availability?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** So far as export of these two animals is concerned, we are not interested in exporting cows and elephants. That is why in the text of the reply it has been said that export is either for breeding purposes or for zoological purposes. Sometimes we receive the request and we export them. I have given some figures. In regard to the verification of the figures, it is a matter for the individual exporters. These are not export-earning items. That is why we do not maintain separate statistics. Apart from that the Agriculture Ministry has taken the view that even for zoological purposes, we are not going to export any elephant or cow and we agree with that view.

**SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:** May I know whether any other country has

expressed its desire to import animals from our country? If so, what are the names of the countries and the animals which they have expressed desire to get from us?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** For preservation of our wild life, we are not encouraging this type of exports. Sometimes requests come. For instance, we received one request from Baghdad. They were going to shoot a film and for that, they requested us to send 12 elephants on hire basis. We sent 12 elephants and we get them back. Sometimes it so happens that we want some rare specimen for our zoo and reciprocally we send elephants or some other animals. By and large, we discourage this type of exports.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Next question.

**श्री मूलचन्द्र डागा :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं एक छोटा सा सवाल पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या आप देश के बाहर जाँ गायें भेजते हैं वह उनको तो नहीं भेजते जो दूध नहीं देती हैं?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** अब तो खत्म कर दिया भाई ।

Next question.

#### Setting up of Nickel and Cobalt Extraction Plant in Orissa

\*900. **DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state when do Government intend to set up the nickel and cobalt extraction plant in Orissa considering the fact that the project was sanctioned in 1974?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

Sanction was issued in April, 1974, for setting up of a Nickel and Cobalt Extraction Plant, using the ore deposit of the Sukinda area of Orissa. This

sanction was based on a preliminary feasibility report envisaged use of indigenous technology. While according approval to the Hindustan Copper Limited for the project, the company was advised to submit firmer cost estimates after completing further investigations as recommended in the feasibility report. The process parameters recommended by the consultancy firm were tried out on a Pilot Plant, but they failed. The project sanction of 1974, based on indigenous technology, therefore, could not be given effect to.

In 1977 offers were invited for preparation of a fresh feasibility report for setting up of a Nickel Extraction Plant, based on imported technology. The offers received could not be pursued by the Government due to constraint of funds. However, in the context of the Five Year Plan 1980—85 this is being re-examined.

**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** I have gone through the statement. In 1974 sanction was granted for the construction of a Nickel and Cobalt Extraction Plant amounting to Rs. 39.5 crores. What was the constraint on commissioning this plant in Sukinda? What was the actual report of the pilot plant test conducted by the National Metallurgical laboratory at Jamshedpur? We are importing Rs. 20 crores worth of nickel and we have got no indigenous production. Sukinda has nickel ore deposits to the extent of 63 million tonnes. There is a massive reserve of lateritic ore. Based on that lateritic ore, may I know whether the Government of India has explored the possibility of adopting the best established know-how available in the world for lateritic ore like Sheritt Gordon process of Canada and International Nickels of USA? If so, may I know the reasons for the delay in the construction of this project?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** So far as delay is concerned, initially we permitted the Hindustan Copper Ltd. to have this project on the availability of indigenous technology, but subsequently, when the indigenous technology was put in the pilot plant it did