

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Wednesday, April 29, 1981/Vaisakha  
9, 1903 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Location and production of Mini Cement Plants

\*989. SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA:  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be  
pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the names of the places where  
mini cement plants have been set up  
during the last three years and the  
quantity of cement in tonnes produced  
by each of them;

(b) the number of applications for  
setting up mini cement plants as are  
lying pending at present and the time  
by which a decision is likely to be  
taken thereon; and

(c) the per tonne cost of production  
in a mini cement plant as also that in  
a big factory?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI  
P. A. SANGMA): (a) One mini  
cement plant at Netra, District Kutch,  
Gujarat went into production in  
March, 1980. The production during  
March-December, 1980 was 1909  
tonnes.

(b) Fifteen applications for grant  
of letters of intent for establishment  
of mini cement plants are pending at  
present. Decision on these applica-  
tions is likely to be taken shortly.

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(c) According to the report of the  
Working Group set up by Govern-  
ment in 1978, to recommend policy  
and other incentives for establishment  
of mini cement plants, a mini cement  
plant of 100 tonnes per day capacity  
will have an exfactory cost of produc-  
tion between Rs. 50/- and Rs. 60/-  
per tonne higher than the exfactory  
price of Rs. 296/- per tonne admissible  
for a new cement plant of 1200 tonnes  
per day capacity, after providing for  
a post-tax return of 12 per cent.

श्री नरसिंह मकवाना : अध्यक्ष  
महोदय, इस समय सीमेंट की कमी को  
देखते हुए सीमेंट का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के  
लिए सरकार भी चिन्तित है मगर इस  
के लिए जो कदम जल्दी से उठाना  
चाहिए वह नहीं उठाया जा रहा है,  
खास कर जो मिनि सीमेंट फैक्ट्रियां हैं  
वह अगर बड़े पैमाने पर लगायी जायं  
तो लोगों की जरूरियात पूरी हो सकती  
हैं। मगर यह काम बहुत ढील से हो  
रहा है। सरकार ने उत्तर में बताया  
है कि 15 फैक्ट्रियों का आवेदन पत्र उन  
के पास है जिन के बारे में वह शीघ्र  
ही निर्णय करेंगे। मैं जानना चाहता हूं  
कि यह पन्द्रह फैक्ट्रियां नयी बनाने के  
आवेदन पत्र उन के पास कब आए और  
कब तक उन के बारे में निर्णय हो  
जायगा ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):  
Sir, the hon. members will be glad to  
know that the number of applications  
pending is 15, and these applications  
were received only in the month of

March, 1981 and normally the prescribed time limit is 60 days and they are being processed. But the hon. Member would like to know that as on 24-4-1981, 39 parties have been granted letters of intent for industrial licence and 58 parties have been registered with the Directorate General of Technical Development for setting up of mini cement plants covering a total capacity of 4.63 million tonnes. I hope this could encourage the hon. member.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Are you encouraged?

**श्री नरसिंह मकवाना :** माननीय अध्यक्ष जी, मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि छोटी सीमेंट फैक्ट्रियों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए सरकार ने जो कार्यकारी दल नियुक्त किया था, तो उसकी रिपोर्ट के अन्दर फैक्ट्रियों को क्या-क्या रियायतें देने के लिए सिफारिशें की गई हैं ?

**SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA:** With the acceptance of the recommendation of the Working Group now, a retention price of Rs. 296 per tonne for cement produced by mini cement plants is allowed. Secondly, mini cement plants are also allowed a rebate in the payment of excise duty upto 50 per cent for a period of five years.

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV:** Is it correct that the geological survey at national level has revealed that highest percentage of deposits of raw material or limestone for cement plants is available within the territory of Rajasthan? If so, does the Government of India propose to set up more cement plants in the State of Rajasthan?

**SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA:** As far as the geological survey of

Rajasthan State is concerned, that does not form part of this question. But I would only like the hon. member to know that all the applications which come to the Ministry of Industry for setting up of cement plants are based on a certificate by the State Government and further based on geological survey of the potential of the limestone or raw material available.

**श्री धर्मदास शास्त्री :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने का कष्ट करेंगे कि पूरे देश में हम लोगों को कितना सीमेंट चाहिए और उसकी पूर्ति के लिए इन का मंत्रालय क्या प्रयास कर रहा है ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** यह बहुत लम्बे सवाल है ।

**SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA:** This data has already been supplied to this House.

**Conference of State Planning Ministers**

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\*990. **SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:**

**SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of State Planning Ministers was held in New Delhi in the first week of April, 1981;

(b) if so, the names of participants in the Conference;

(c) the details of main suggestions and recommendations of the Conference; and

(d) what steps have been taken to implement the suggestions/recommendations of the Conference?

**THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):** (a) Yes, Sir.