

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** Again this is a question of implementation. I have said that in this case we will try to institute some kind of machinery which will go into it and see that where policy is not fully implemented, it is implemented to the satisfaction of the persons concerned.

**SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:** It is seen from the answer of the hon. Minister that the Members of the Boards are not taking interest in the implementation. There is a question that Members of Parliament should be included in the Board as Members. I would like to know what action is the Government taking to implement this?

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** I cannot answer this question at the moment.

**MR. SPEAKER:** What steps do you want to take about implementation?

**SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN:** The question was about the Members of Parliament being included in the Board. The Government has to take a decision as a whole. I cannot commit myself on this question.

#### **Agreement for Supply of Iron Ore to Rumania**

\*702. **SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:**

**SHRI B. V. DESAI:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Rumania have signed an agreement for supplying 4.5 million tonnes of iron-ore to Rumania;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement;

(c) when the shipment to Rumania is likely to be made; and

(d) whether any delegation of Rumania had visited India in July, 1980 and had visited mines and ports?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The agreement provides for shipment of 4.5 million tonnes of iron ore during the period July, 80 to June 1981. This comprises of 3.6 million tonnes of fines and 0.9 million tonnes of lumpy iron ore. The total quantity of 4.5 million tonnes included an optional quantity of 2 million tonnes for which option can be exercised by mutual agreement between the two parties in two stages by 31st October and 31st of December 1980.

(d) Yes, Sir.

**SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:** I want to know from the hon. Minister whether Government of Rumania has expressed interest in assisting our country in various projects like Iron Ore Pelletisation Plant in Kudremukh and Iron & Steel Plant at Vijaynagar in Karnataka. If so, details thereof.

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** The question relates to iron ore. He brings in the question in regard to the establishment of a plant in Vijaynagar, which is very sensitive. It is very difficult for me to reply immediately. But so far as the Rumanian suggestions are concerned, it is true that we are exploring the possibilities of co-operating with each other in many areas, including getting assistance from Rumania in establishing the pelletisation plant.

**SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:** Is it a fact that the export of iron ore since the last two years has been declining and if so, what does the Government propose to do to improve export of iron ore?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** So far as 1979-80 is concerned, it is true that the export was less by nearly 1 million tonnes compared to earlier years. One of the major reasons for that was that there was a strike in the

Bailadilla for more than two months, as a result of which the net quantum of iron ore export went down. But in the export plan which we have made for the current year, we are expecting a reasonable growth in the export of iron ore.

**SHRI B. V. DESAI:** Just now while replying to my friend, the Minister said that Vijayanagar steel plant is a little sensitive. May I know whether the steel plant is sensitive or whether the Minister himself is becoming sensitive? Yesterday the Finance Minister has provided Rs. 30 crores for Vijayanagar steel plant, which has been included in that. Now the hon. Steel Minister says that it is a sensitive area. In what sense is it sensitive and how does it affect the plant?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** I am not sensitive either to Vijayanagar or to the question of establishing a steel plant there. What I am sensitive about is that the question relates to export of iron ore to Rumania. That is why I said it would be difficult for me to react to that question. So far as the establishment of new steel plants is concerned, various proposals are under the consideration of the Government. But it is not possible for me to indicate right now at what stage each plant is.

**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** May I know what is the target for export of iron ore fines from Dibori iron ore handling plant of Orissa and what is the export schedule in different years?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** It is known to the hon. member that we export iron ore from Orissa from Paradip. The export handling capacity at Paradip is 3 million tonnes, but unfortunately we are not in a position to utilise the capacity mainly because of certain constraints in the port and certain constraints in the movement of ore from the ore-producing areas to the port. Unless these constraints are removed, it is difficult for me to indicate the specific quantum which will be exported from there.

**SHRI ARVIND NETAM:** The setting up of a pelletisation plant is long pending since the beginning of Bailadilla iron ore plant. May I know what has happened to that proposal for the establishment of a pelletisation plant in Bailadilla?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** There is a proposal to establish a pelletisation plant in Bailadilla. There is also one more proposal for a pelletisation plant to be established in Kudremukh. Discussions are going on. No final decision has yet been taken.

**SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:** The Minister was not very clear in his answer. To establish very close relationship between Rumania and India, Rumania is offering something and India is offering something. I offering these things, may I know whether the hon. Minister would consider our demands favourably, taking into consideration the huge deposits of iron ore and other mineral wealth in Karnataka and other parts of our country. The Kudremukh project is coming and we are demanding a steel plant at Vijayanagar. Therefore, if there is any shortage of finance, in view of the export agreement being entered into for the export of iron ore, will the Minister consider the question of getting financial assistance to implement the various projects like the Vijayanagar steel plant, the pelletisation plant and other projects in the backward regions in Karnataka and other parts of our country? I would like to have a specific answer from the Minister.

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** I can assure the hon. Member that any proposal of financial assistance from Rumania or from any other country will be very favourably considered. We will be glad to have such a proposal.

In regard to expansion of trade, the hon. Member will appreciate that in

1976 the export of iron ore was of the order of 2.3 million tonnes and this year we have fixed a target of 4.5 million tonnes. The various trade and commercial activities which are going on between the two countries, indicate that we are expanding our trade relations.

### Trade between India and China

\*703. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what was the position of trade between India and China during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Bilateral trade with China was resumed from June 1977. During the years 1977-78 and 1978-79 exports to China were of the order of Rs. 193 lakhs and Rs. 2643 lakhs respectively. Imports from China during the same years amounted to Rs. 95 lakhs and Rs. 117 lakhs respectively.

श्री दिलीप सिंह भूरिया : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि 1977-78 और 1978-79 में कौन कौन सा माल चीन से आयात किया गया और कौन कौन सा माल भारत द्वारा चीन को निर्यात किया गया ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: The items of import from China are zinc, mercury, tin, sulphur, newsprint, coking coal, etc. The items of export from India are shellac, sugar, iron and steel, power generating equipment, rolling stock, machine tools, iron ore.

श्री दिलीप सिंह भूरिया : जनता शासनकाल में तत्कालीन विदेश मंत्री श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी चीन गए थे । उस समय क्या भारत चीन व्यापार के बारे में भी कोई चर्चा हुई थी ? क्या 1977 में जो नीति बनी थी वही नीति आगे भी जारी रहेगी ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: I do not know what particular policy the hon. Member has in mind. But so far as our policy is concerned, we are trying to improve our relations with all the neighbours including China. And we are extending it to the commercial and other activities.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: What is the next planning of the Government to expand trade relations with China in future?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: As I have mentioned, in the matter of trade relations, we exchange information, we have discussions, identify the areas, identify the commodities. In that fashion, we expand our trade.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Is there any proposal of the Government to exchange trade delegations between the two countries?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Just not at the moment.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Is it a fact that a delegation of FICCI and some other organisations of employers and industrialists have visited China and that they have come out with a report that there is a vast potential for expansion of trade between the India and China? Has such report been received by the Government? If so, whether that report has been considered by the Government and what concrete action has been taken in this behalf?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: We are aware that certain delegations have visited China. In fact, when we get the report from them, we will take it into account. As I have mentioned in the context of our desire to expand the commercial and economic activities, we would like to have such suggestions from various bodies.

श्री एम० एम० ए० खाँ : यह देखते हुए कि मुल्क में शुगर की बहुत भारी कमी है और बहुत ज्यादा कीमते बढ़ रही हैं, क्या यह एडवाइजेबल है कि मुल्क में