

उस पर भी जरा गौर करें। कितने लोग वहां आ गए हैं, कितने शरणार्थी आए, कितने रोज वहां आ रहे हैं, इस वक्त सारा ध्यान इस पर केन्द्रित है कि कैसे उन की व्यवस्था की जाय ? यह प्रश्न कि कितने बंगला बोलने वाले थे, कितने गैर बंगला बोलने वाले थे... (व्यवधान)

एक माननीय सदस्य : मवाल तो स्पष्ट है।

श्री कृष्ण चंद्र पंत : मवाल तो बड़ा स्पष्ट है पर मैं आप की सेवा में यही तो निवेदन कर रहा हूँ कि राज्य सरकारों का ध्यान इस वक्त उस व्यवस्था में लगा है कि कैसे उनको रिलीफ पहुँचाई जाय और अगर ऐसी स्थिति में राज्य सरकारें हम को कोई तथ्य नहीं भेजें तो यह बात कुछ समझ में आती है। लेकिन हम ने तो उन को लिखा है कि वह ये तथ्य जल्दी से जल्दी भेजें और वह जैसे ही भेजेंगे हम मदन के पटल पर रख देंगे।

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : हम मवाल कर्न है तो जानकारी के लिए कर्न है। मैं कहता हूँ कि दो दिन ज्यादा ले लें लेकिन मवाल का जवाब तो आना चाहिए जिस से हम जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकें। आप ऐसा कुछ निर्देश तो दे सकते हैं।

MR. SPEAKER : He should make a statement sometime later.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : बड़े दुख की बात है कि यह सवाल 7 तारीख को दिया गया था और इस पर भी सरकार की तरफ से जानकारी नहीं आई।

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : They are evading.

Export of Iron Ore to Japan

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(a) the quantity of iron ore committed for shipment to Japan in 1970-71 against the long-term contracts and how much was actually shipped ;

(b) in case of short supplies what are the reasons ; and

(c) whether it resulted in penalties for delayed shipments or non-fulfilment according to the terms of the contracts and, if so, the loss sustained thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Under the terms of the concerned contracts, there is no penalty for short delivery of quantity and hence there was no loss on this account.

Statement

Taking the various contracts together, a total quantity of 10.34 million tonnes of iron ore was to be shipped to Japan during the financial year 1970-71, compared to which the total shipments were 8.24 million tonnes. Of the consequent shortfall of 2.10 million tonnes, about half was on account of the production shortfall in the Bailadilla mine. The rest of the shortfall was due to various causes, prominent amongst which were the strike in Madras Port in April last year, the prolonged strike in Calcutta Port later in the same year, and fall in the railway movement of Barajamda ore towards Paradeep Port and Calcutta about the middle of last year.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI : I specifically asked how much quantity has been exported against long term contracts. But in the statement all are combined together. I want a specific answer to my specific question.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : In the statement, we have mentioned that taking the various contracts together including long-term contracts, a total quantity of 10.34 million tonnes of iron ore were to be shipped to Japan during the financial year 1970-71 as against which the total shipments were 8.24 million tonnes, leaving a shortfall of about 2.10 million tonnes. I accept there has been a shortfall.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI : The shortfall is on account of low production at Bailadilla mines. In the current year what has been the increase in production and could we completely fulfil our contractual commitments ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : There has been a shortfall in Bailadilla. Then there were the strikes in the Madras and Calcutta ports. The Bailadilla mine is being operated by the NMDC. Initially, the shortfall was due to faulty planning. Last year particularly, the shortfall was due to inadequate availability of spare parts. An inquiry committee was set up and a list of spare parts has been drawn up. A team was flown to Moscow to obtain these spare parts. Unfortunately, there has been some delay in the arrival of the necessary material. That has been the main reason for the shortfall in Bailadilla.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the shortfall continue ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : I explained that there has been some faulty planning.

SHRI SANJEEVI RAO : Regarding the export of iron ore, I am afraid we may not be able to fulfil our commitments in spite of the Visakhapatnam Outer Harbour project. Is Government contemplating constructing another line connecting Bailadilla with Bhadrachalam on the banks of the Godavari, because once the ore reaches Bhadrachalam, it can be sent to Kakinada by barges ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : The hon. member is very much correct that inadequate transport facility is the main reason for not increasing the export of iron ore. I cannot say at this stage about this particular railway line, but we also feel that if we have additional rail facilities, we can increase the export of iron ore.

SHRI K. LAKHAPPA : We are losing export potential to Japan because of the failure of effective port and rail facilities in the country. Also, Australia is competing with India in this line. Would Government consider overcoming these transport difficulties by constructing the requisite rail and port facilities ? Also, by what time do Government expect that these difficulties

would be surmounted so that we are able to promote our exports to Japan and effectively compete with Australia ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : I have already stated that we have shortage of both railway and port facilities. About Japan, there is no competition from Australia. We have got a long-term contract with Japan, and fortunately we are able to fulfil this long-term contract with Japan.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Is it a fact that the export of iron ore to Japan from India means a loss of Rs. 15 per tonne on FOB value, which includes only mining and transportation cost, and no real value for the iron ore is included ? Is it a fact or not ?

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : It is a pet subject of my hon. friend Shri Jyotirmoy Basu. He has raised this question a number of times. This contract was entered into three or four years back, and according to the information that I have in my possession, there is nothing to suggest that there is a loss in these exports, but it depends upon the method of calculation that he adopts. He feels that there is a loss, but the MMTC feels that there is no loss in this contract. It will be difficult for me to make any comment or give my own views on this matter.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Mr. Speaker, we serve in your committee, and you must be kept in the know of things. In the Foreign Trade Ministry's Consultative Committee he admitted, after consulting the MMTC Director, that on each tonne we are losing Rs. 15 on FOB and that it does not include the value of the exported item, namely iron ore.

SHRI L. N. MISHRA : I did not admit.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : I regret to say that the Minister is misleading the House

SHRI K. LAKHAPPA : He should not disclose what happened in the Committee. It is a matter of privilege.