

last year or so. Hon. members are aware, for instance, that many tea planters are new starting plantations in other countries, which will create difficulties for our tea plantations, regardless of whether they are nationalised or not. All these questions have to be gone into in detail.

Major Projects in Central Sector approved for Orissa in Fifth Plan

*126. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major projects, with their locations, in the Central Sector approved by the Central Gov-

ernment in favour of Orissa State during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The names of major projects in Orissa in the Central Sector included in the Draft Fifth Five Year Plan with their locations and amount provided for them in the Plan are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Project	Location	Outlay provided in Draft Fifth Plan
1	Rourkela Steel Plant—Debottlenecking and Diversification Projects	Rourkela	105.00
2	Ferro Vanadium Project		10.00
3	Sargipalli lead mine	Sargipalli	4.00
4	Sukunda Nickel Project	Sukunda	39.50
5	Talcher Fertiliser Project	Talcher	47.44
6	Development of Paradeep Port	Paradeep	16.25
7	Potteru Irrigation Projects	Potteru	13.28

In addition to the projects listed above a part of the investment made out of the consolidated provision for various undertakings such as the Coal Mines Authority, National Mineral Development Corporation and the provision for new fertiliser projects will be in Orissa.

SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Has the State Government made any proposal to the Central Government for setting up a big smelter plant at Sargipalli in Orissa during the Fifth Plan on a

priority basis. If so, what action has been taken by the Central Government?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: The proposals made by the State Government have all been taken into consideration. In the statement laid on the Table, we have mentioned the Sukunda Nickel Project for which a provision of Rs. 39.50 crores has been made. This is being processed and as soon as the matter is finalised, we shall go ahead with the setting up of this project.

SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: May I know whether the demand of the State Government has been taken into consideration for expansion of the Rourkela steel plant and how far debottlenecking and diversification project of the plant will help the demand for expansion of the plant. May I know whether any work for expansion of Rourkela steel plant had been undertaken so far?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: The provision that has been made for expansion of the Rourkela steel plant, debottlenecking and diversification project, etc. comes to Rs. 105 crores during the Fifth Plan period. I do not have exactly what work on ground had been done or not. Probably the Ministry of Steel and Mines might be able to indicate that. We have provided for this and we attached high priority to this work.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI. It is gratifying to note that outside the State plan, out of the outlay in the Fifth Plan the Central Government had agreed to allocate Rs. 145.47 crores for the Central projects. How is it that the Paradeep Fertiliser project costing about Rs. 285 crores for which preliminary steps had been taken by the Statement had not been included in the Central projects in the Fifth Plan? What is the total amount available, consolidated provision from various undertakings such as the Coal Mines Authority, National Mineral Development Corporation and the provision for the fertiliser projects in the Fifth Plan?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: Paradeep Fertiliser provision has not been shown in the statement because it is going to come from the lump sum provision made for the fertiliser project in the Fifth Plan. Hon. Member may be assured that there would be no let-up as far as fertiliser project is concerned because of lack of funds to be allotted from the Ministry of Planning. About the total provision, it would be difficult for me to indicate the exact sum at this point of time,

the consolidated provisions made by the National Mineral Development Corporation, Coal Mining Authority for the fertiliser project in Paradeep but it comes to tidy large sum. The money that will be given for development of projects in Orissa—I cannot give the exact figure now, but it will be a good figure.

SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY: Two projects, Sargipalli lead mine project and the Sukinda Nickel project were taken up as long as 1970 during the Cuttack bye-election in which the present Chief Minister was a candidate. The foundation stones for these two projects had been laid in Sargipalli and Sukinda. May I know why these two projects have spilled over to the Fifth Plan and why the work was not resumed during the Fourth Plan in view of the fact that foundation stones were laid. Was it for influencing the electorate, as the motive is clear? Secondly, in 1971 the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Paradeep Fertiliser Project (Interruptions). Was it for influencing the electorate as the motive is clear? I seek your protection.

MR SPEAKER: I cannot give you protection for wrong questions. The rules are that you can put a straight question and no argument, if this happened or that happened and so on. We have allowed a debate on many matters. You should ask a straight question.

SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY: I am asking a straight question: why the Paradeep Fertiliser Project does not figure in the statement in view of the fact that the Prime Minister had laid the foundation stone for the Paradeep Fertiliser project in 1971 with much fanfare, whether it was for influencing the electorate as the motive was clear?

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA: May I say that these projects were conceived and planned much earlier than it was ever known that the Cuttack bye-election would come up. It is very wrong for the hon.

Member to try to link the two things together. The project has been included in the Fifth Plan.

SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY

Where? Your statement does not show it. There are only two fertiliser plants, one at Talcher and another at Paradeep.

SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA

If the hon Member will bear with me, he will get all the information. I am going to give all the information. I have already given the information in the statement about the two projects that the hon Member mentioned. About the third project, namely the Paradeep Fertiliser Plant, about which Shri Panigrahi asked, I have said that that has been provided for in the lump sum provision for the fertiliser plants that has been made in the Fifth Plan, and the Paradeep Fertiliser Plant has been included in that, and we have taken steps to establish it. Therefore, there is no question of laying the foundation and not taking up these things. As I said, these are going on in the general way of development of our country and establishment of the vital sector projects. They have nothing to do with by-elections or general elections which may be held here and there, and we do not know whether and when these will be held when these projects are conceived.

Shifting of Office of Hindustan Paper Corporation from New Delhi to Calcutta

*128 **SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to shift the office of Hindustan Paper Corporation from New Delhi to Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the reasons and the amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA) (a) Yes, Sir

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

Statement

The Board of Directors of the Hindustan Paper Corporation, after due consideration of merits and demerits of alternative locations of the headquarters of the Corporation in Delhi, Calcutta and elsewhere, has decided that the balance of advantage lies in shifting the headquarters to Calcutta which would enable the Corporation to be in closer touch with its new projects, most of which are expected to come up in the North Eastern region of the country on account of large concentration of forest resources in the area and to maintain close and continuous link with the major machinery manufacturers and engineering industry located in the nearby region.

The initial expenditure involved in shifting of the headquarters is expected to be off-set by hiring cheaper office accommodation in Calcutta and saving on travelling expenses of the officers due to the journeys between the headquarter office and project sites becoming shorter.

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK

The reasons given by the hon Minister for shifting the Hindustan Paper Corporation from Delhi to Calcutta after three years are very cruel, very disappointing and understandable.

MR SPEAKER Better ask your question then.

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK

In view of the fact that it had been functioning here for three years, I want to ask whether it is a Government or a gaurnment.

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MR. SPEAKER Ask your question.