

श्री शेर सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इसमें कानून का प्रश्न इतना नहीं है क्योंकि यह बात तो स्पष्ट हो गई कि राज्य सरकारें भी इस सम्बन्ध में कानून बना सकती हैं और यह राय उनसे दी जा चुकी है। जहां तक भारत सरकार का प्रश्न है वह सारे भारत की तस्वीर देखकर ही कोई कानून बना सकती है।

श्री एल० एम० बनर्जी : तस्वीर को हम 23 साल से देख रहे हैं।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे प्रश्न के दूसरे भाग का उत्तर नहीं आया। क्या भारत सरकार की तरफ से उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार को मना किया जा रहा है कि चीनी मिलों का राष्ट्रीयकरण न करें?

श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद : नहीं, नहीं, ऐसा नहीं है। भारत सरकार मना नहीं कर रही है।

Construction of Bokaro Steel Plant

*96. **SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of Bokaro Steel Plant is being handicapped at present owing to an acute shortage of steel material ; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b). To a certain extent, the progress of structural fabrication and erection work for the Bokaro Steel Plant has been affected by the shortage of some strategic sections of steel. Necessary steps have been taken for import of such of the critical requirements as cannot be met in time from the indigenous production.

SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA : Sir, the indigenous production comes from the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi and the Mining and Metals Corporation, Durgapur. May I know whether during the last three years, those two Corporations did not supply indigenous steel and, therefore, the cause of Bokaro Steel Plant is going to be hampered ?

SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The hon. Member is not entirely correct in saying that steel is coming from the Heavy Engineering Corporation and the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation. The shortage of steel has nothing to do with the shortage of equipment that is not manufactured in time by the Heavy Engineering Corporation. Steel is produced by the Steel Plants in the country. But in certain sections, we have not been able to produce an adequate amount of steel. That is the reason for the shortage.

SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA : The hon. Minister has stated in his reply that the Government is going to import steel. May I know from which countries the Government is going to import steel ?

SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : We are planning to import steel from USSR and Japan.

SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : May I know whether as a result of these difficulties and delay in importing the required steel for strategic construction sectors, the cost schedule of the first phase of Bokaro Steel project will be further raised ?

SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : No, Sir,

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Supreme Court Judgement on Applicability of Provident Fund Rules

*97. **SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUNARVAS MANTRI) be pleased to State :