

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : It is part (b) of the same question. I have been absent from the House for seven days, and so I may be permitted.

May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware of the fact that there is extensive blackmarketing of aluminium and aluminium products in the bazar and if so, what steps Government are taking to prevent it ?

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : I would like to inform the hon. Member that the firm was originally licensed to produce 60,000 tonnes of ingot aluminium. The present capacity which has now been sanctioned by Government is 80,000 tonnes, and the ultimate capacity sanctioned to them is 1,20,000 tonnes of aluminium ingots.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : What about the extensive blackmarketing in aluminium ?

MR. SPEAKER : He has already said that he will look into it.

कुमारी कमला कुमारी : तीसरी मशीन जो लगी है उसके बारे में मंत्री जी ने स्पष्ट रूप से नहीं बताया है कि वह कब से लगी है और उसके जरिये उत्पाद जो हो रहा है...

एक माननीय सदस्य : वह कहते हैं कि मालूम नहीं है ।

श्री शाहनवाज खान : मैं अर्ज करूंगा कि लेडी मيم्बर मेरे साथ कुछ बेइसाफी कर रही हैं । मैंने यह कहा था कि हमें इस बात का इन्फार्मेशन है कि तीसरी मशीन लगी है या नहीं लगी है ।

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Notice of this question was given three weeks ago, and his reply is that he does not know whether a third machine is working or not. If three weeks' time is not sufficient for them to send their people and find out the position, what is the use of putting these questions ?

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : The responsibility for finding out whether addi-

tional machines have been installed or not is that of the Director-General of Technical Development. We referred the matter to the Director-General and the reply that we have got is that he is not aware whether any third machine has been installed. He will look into it.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : He can neither affirm it nor deny it. He says that he is not aware.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGLAM) : The hon. Member will see that the answer to the question is that we are not aware. It is a fact. Because we know that the House would like to have correct information on this, we have stated in the answer that we shall look into the matter, and as soon as we get proper information, we shall put it before the House.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : They will hide the machine.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : They cannot ask them because they have taken a lot of contribution from the Birlas during the last elections. That is the pity.

Bharati Process of Steel Manufacture in West Germany

*692, **SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Bharati" Process of steel manufacture, which had been held uneconomical and not feasible in this country, is being acquired and adopted by reputed steel manufacturers in West Germany ; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to re-evaluate this process ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGLAM) : (a) No report has been received so far about any foreign manufacturer having acquired and adopted the "Bharati Process" for steelmaking.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : What efforts have been made by Government to test this Bharati process in our country, has such a test been held, and if so, with what results ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGLAM : The hon member is aware that this question was recently answered by me in the House that the question of the feasibility of this process was referred to a Committee of experts in June 1971 consisting of Dr. Altekar, Director of the National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur as Chairman and four members: Dr. Brahma-prakash, Director of the Metallurgical Group of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay, Dr. Tahmankar, Director, Defence Metallurgical Laboratory, Hyderabad, Prof. T. R. Anantaraman, Head of the Metallurgical Dept., Hyderabad University and Shri K. C. Mohan, Deputy Chief Engineer, CEDB, HSL. The Committee reported after going through the entire matter that it would not be feasible to pursue this process further because of certain difficulties in connection with its operation itself. After receiving the report, we sent it to a number of eminent metallurgists in the country and it is only after receiving their opinion that we have finally decided that it would not be useful to proceed with further investigation of the process.

SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Did the Committee go into the feasibility report prepared by Koppers and Demag of West Germany? Do Government intend to rest content with the report of our experts or do they consider it desirable to have a laboratory scale test or a small plant test of the process in view of its revolutionary nature and the immense benefits likely to accrue from it ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM : The matter referred to the Committee for opinion was whether Government should or should not go in for laboratory scale or any other scale type of testing of this process. It is on the advice of the Committee consisting of metallurgical experts and of the metallurgical experts in the country that Government have come to the conclusion that it would not be worthwhile pursuing it.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : Dr. Bharati's revolutionary process of Steel-making has been attracting the attention of USA and W. Germany. In view of the fact that Koppers, a leading firm of W. Germany, have said that the proposition is feasible, why cannot Government make another study and have a pilot plant to test it ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM : Government consider it would be proper in a technical matter like this to depend on the advice of technical experts in our country, who are admittedly the best experts in the country. We have no reason to believe that in giving their advice these experts have been guided by any but the highest ethical considerations and exercise of their technical knowledge. We do not think it proper for us to go by any other advice except that of the highest technical experts in India.

SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA : Since this matter has roused interest not only in India but abroad, why not constitute a committee of international experts to probe into it ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM : Government have every confidence in the reputation and capacity of the Indian experts in metallurgical science.

मूल्य वृद्धि होने पर श्रमिकों के वेतनों में स्वतः वृद्धि

*693 श्री मूल चन्द डागा : क्या श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार ऐसा कोई फार्मूला बनाने का है जिससे मूल्यों में वृद्धि होने पर उद्योगों में श्रमिकों के वेतनों में स्वतः ही वृद्धि हो सकेगी और यदि हाँ, तो इसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ; और

(ख) क्या मूल्यों में वृद्धि के कारण श्रमिकों की आर्थिक दशा दयनीय हो गई है ?

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