

SHRI K. R. GANESH : In studying the losses, the Government, the Bureau of Public Enterprises and the various industrial undertakings and the administrative ministries have located the causes of the loss and have given guidelines for the removal of those lacunae and various other factors that are there. As far as the employees are concerned, the administration is concerned, they have been given. The only thing I would like to submit for the hon. Member's consideration is that in running these huge public sector enterprises which have Rs. 4,000 crores of investment, we cannot just penalise a particular individual, except that the totality of factors has got to be taken into consideration.

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : 37 उद्योग जो घाटे चल रहे हैं या जिनमें पिछले साल घाटा हुआ है, उनमें देश की कुल लागत कितनी है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इसके बारे में तो बता चुके हैं ।

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी : लागत बताये बिना उन पर कितना घाटा है, इसका पता नहीं चलेगा ।

SHRI K. R. GANESH : I do not have just now the figures of the 37 undertakings which have incurred losses, I have given the total investment in all the 97 undertakings.

SHRI JAGANNATHRAO JOSHI : Unless we know the total investment in these 37 undertakings which are running at a loss...

MR. SPEAKER : The question was too general. I hope the hon. Minister will be able to supply that information later on.

Over-Stocking of Raw Materials in Public Undertakings

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*151. SHRI VEKARIA :
SHRI D. P. JADEJA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the inventories of 17 public undertakings show that they are over-stocking raw materials; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main factors, which contributed to such over-stocking, are :

- (i) Slippages in the planned production programme;
- (ii) Non-phasing of deliveries to suit the monthly production programme;
- (iii) Maintenance of higher safety stocks (to ensure uninterrupted production) for scarce materials like steel, non-ferrous metals, etc. for which the deliveries are uncertain; and
- (iv) Non-introduction of modern materials management techniques.

The units have been advised on the lines on which remedial measures should be taken to bring down the level of inventories not only of raw-materials but also of work-in-progress, finished goods, etc.

श्री बेकारिया : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतायेंगे कि जिन पब्लिक अन्डरटेकिंग में ओवर स्टॉकिंग रहता है उन सबके नाम क्या हैं ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH : Some of the public undertakings which carried excess over one crore were : HEIL,...

MR. SPEAKER : He may lay it on the Table of the House; it takes too much time. Hon. Members also should not ask questions that would require a long list. He may lay it on the Table of the House.

श्री बेकारिया : मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि जब सारे देश में रा मैटीरियल की कमी के कारण इन्डस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेंट नीचे जा रहा है तब पब्लिक अन्डर-टेकिंग में रा मैटीरियल का ओवर स्टॉकिंग रहा है जिसके कारण

इंडस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेन्ट जो बढ़ना चाहिए वह नहीं बढ़ा तो क्या सरकार पब्लिक अंडर-टेकिंग के अफसरों के खिलाफ, जिनके कारण इस देश को नुकसान सहना पड़ा कोई स्टैप्स लेना चाहती है या नहीं ? यदि लेना चाहती है तो कब से और नहीं तो क्यों नहीं ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH : The Committee which went into the question of excess inventories have given some guidelines. Their recommendations are. The undertakings should draw up realistic production schedules and proper techniques should be developed to arrive at accurate requirements. They should take efforts to reduce the cycle of production of their products. Marketing organisations have to be streamlined with a view to reduce finished goods and the disposal of construction stores that are surplus are to be expedited. The undertakings have to develop proper industrial base with small-scale and auxiliary sectors in order to reduce imports and thus become self-sufficient. (*Interruptions.*) I have to give a specific answer.

SHRI B. R. KAVDE : It is said that there is overstocking. It means that there is to be an average. What is the percentage of overstocking compared to average stocking ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH : I have some figures. On 31-3-1971 the inventories were Rs. 1,040 crores, production expenditure for the manufacturing concerns or others Rs. 2206 crores. Therefore it is 57 per cent.

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA GO-SWAMI : I want to know whether any one of these industries comes with in the 37 undertakings which have incurred a net loss of Rs. 78.29 crores and since how long the overstocking has been there ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH : The Rourkela and Bhilai steel plants, which are running at a loss, are included in this. They have been having extra inventories of Rs. 25.6 and Rs. 18.3 crores.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : In view of the malpractices involved in stocking

and distribution of raw materials, does the Government propose to entrust the Corporation with wide powers of procuring, stocking and equitably distributing raw materials so as to avoid the chronic trouble of underutilisation of industrial capacity ?

SHRI K. R. GANESH : Certain guidelines have been given. He has made a suggestion.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : This is a specific question. If you have no specific answer, you may say so and I would be satisfied.

SHRI D. N. TIWARY : May I know whether the Government have taken into account the recommendations of the three Financial Committees of Parliament — the Estimates Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Public Undertakings Committee ? If their recommendations had been given effect to, this sort of thing would not have happened.

SHRI K. R. GANESH : After the recommendations of the Committees and also the ARC, a special committee was set up which went into the question of overstocking, and they made a study of the 17 undertakings to which the question refers.

Financial Assistance for Flood Relief Works in Kerala

*152. **SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the State Government of Kerala for more financial assistance for flood relief works; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) within the total ceiling of Rs. 309.78 lakhs adopted for purposes of Central assistance, the Government of Kerala had sugges-