

**MR. SPEAKER :** What he has said you are repeating ; you are supporting the Government.

**SHRI S. S. KOTHARI :** Has the Government ascertained that genuine industrial activity is being adversely affected ? The restrictions which have been laid down by the Reserve Bank should be relaxed. That is my point. The relaxation is necessary in genuine cases.

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** So far as the restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank are concerned, they are to the advantage of industries requiring financial assistance from such companies. As far as the malpractices indulged in by some of the companies are concerned, whenever any such practice is brought to our notice or to the notice of the Reserve Bank, action is taken and, in some cases, even criminal cases have been filed.

**श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा :** दिल्ली में ऐसी कितनी कम्पनियों का आपने चालान किया है, जिन्होंने हायर-परचेज के नाम से चीटिंग की है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ऐसी कितनी कम्पनियाँ हैं और कितनों का चालान किया है ?

**श्री फजलुद्दीन अली अहमद :** 8 कम्पनीज के खिलाफ क्रिमिनल केसेज पेंडिंग हैं।

**PRECISION INSTRUMENT PROJECT, PALGHAT**

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\*546. **SHRI C. CHAKRAPANI :**  
**SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :**  
**SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :**

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a project in the public sector to manufacture precision instruments at Pudukkottai, Palghat district, Kerala has been sanctioned ;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the project during the Fourth Plan ; and

(c) the reasons for not completing the project during the Third Plan period ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUNATH REDDI) :** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

The Detailed Project Report for setting up a Mechanical Instruments Plant at Pudukkottai, Palghat by Instrumentation Ltd., Kota (a public sector unit), with assistance from U.S.S.R., received from Prommash export, Moscow was approved by Government in August, 1966. This Project estimated to cost about Rs. 9 crores was expected to be completed in 1970. A provision of Rs. 13.2 crores has been included in the draft outline of the Fourth Plan for investment in instrumentation Ltd., Kota towards the two projects at Kota and at Palghat. The committed expenditure upto the end of March, 1967 on Palghat Project alone is of the order of Rs. 32 lakhs.

**SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :** It is reported in the press that there is a move to shift the project from Kerala to some other place. May I know whether there is any such move ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS :** (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : There is no such proposal.

**SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :** The projects at Kota and Palghat have been approved. I do not know why there is delay in the completion of the projects. When does the Government expect to complete these projects ?

**SHRI F. A. AHMED :** The idea was to start these two projects, one at Kota and another at Palghat. According to the present arrangement, because of the demand and also because of the fact that the Kota project, which has already been started, and which will go into production next year, if some additional amount is spent on that project it will be more economical than to invest in another project. That is why for the present, till the situation improves and the resources are available, the project in Kerala has been postponed.

**SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :** The statement of the Minister really causes a lot of concern to the people of my State because we have had such experiences in the past also. I should like to know what is the idea of this postponement. Can he at least indicate by what time the Government propose to really start the work on the project ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED : It cannot be started immediately. We shall consider the question when the Fourth Five Year Plan is discussed and prepared.

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN : In the statement, the Minister has started that this project will be completed in 1970. In that very statement, he says :

"A provision of Rs. 13.2 crores has been included in the draft outline of the Fourth Plan for investment in Instrumentation Ltd., Kota towards the two projects at Kota and at Palghat."

At the same time, he says that the project will cost Rs. 9 crores. May I know what is the exact amount that will be set aside for the completion of the project during the Fourth Plan ?

SHRI F. A. AHMED : The statement refers to two projects—one in Kota and the other in Kerala. The estimate for both now comes to about Rs. 15.9 crores. So far as the project at Kota is concerned, that is already being established and it will go into production next year. So far as the project at Kerala is concerned, it was expected that this would be completed by 1970, but on account of the resources difficulty and on account of the slackening of demand, it is now not possible to proceed with the project in Kerala. We want to complete the project in Kota and try to get our requirements from that project.

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\*547. श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशवाह : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डालमिया की एक सीमेंट फैक्टरी को लगभग एक करोड़ बीस लाख रुपया का ऋण दिया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपरोक्त राशि में से केवल 40 लाख रुपये पर ही चार प्रतिशत की दर से ब्याज लिया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि फैक्टरी के लिये कुछ भूमि भी दी गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो दिये गये ऋण तथा आवंटित की गई भूमि का व्योरा क्या है ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री धानु प्रकाश सिंह) : (क) से (घ). डालमिया ग्रुप के सीमेंट कारखाने उड़ीसा, हरियाणा तथा मद्रास में स्थित हैं। यह पता नहीं है कि माननीय सदस्य किस कारखाने का उल्लेख कर रहे हैं। जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : यह जो सवाल पूछा गया है यह डालमिया की जितनी भी सीमेंट फैक्टरीज हैं उन सब के बारे में है क्योंकि उन्होंने जो सीमेंट फैक्टरीज लगाई हैं उन सब को ऋण दिया गया है। इस के अलावा इस सवाल का नोटिस परम्परा के मुताबिक 21 दिस पहले दिया गया था तो यह 21 दिन का समय मिलने के बाद भी मंत्री महोदय ने आवश्यक जानकारी देने में अपनी असमर्थता बताई है तो इसका कारण क्या है ? इसके प्रतिरिक्त आप ने और भी लोगों को इस प्रकार का ऋण दिया है जिन्हें कि काफ़ी व्याज की छूट दी गई है तो ऐसी सीमेंट फैक्टरीज डालने वाले कितने लोग हैं ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : जैसा कि मूल सवाल के जवाब में हम ने बतलाया है डालमिया ग्रुप के सीमेंट कारखाने बहुत से राज्यों में हैं और हर एक स्थान से हम ने इस सम्बन्ध में इनफ़ोरमेशन मंगवाई है कि किस को कितना-कितना रुपया लोन दिया गया है और कहां-कहां सूद छोड़ा गया है। जब वह जानकारी हमारे पास आ जायेगी तो हम उसे सभा पटल पर रख देंगे।

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : 21 दिन पहले सूचना दी थी उस के बाद भी जानकारी अभी तक नहीं मंगवाई जा सकी है तो इस का कारण क्या है और मंत्री महोदय बतलायें