

the seller, not by the purchaser. The purchaser may indicate the price but the demand is always by the seller. We are the sellers and we are going to demand a price that we may consider reasonable.

As far as the question of steel is concerned, this wagon, which is of a special type known as an open type, eight-wheeler double bogie Gondola wagon, has to be manufactured with a special type of steel which will be able to stand the variations of climate in the Soviet Union where it becomes very, very cold in winter and it is reasonably warm in summer. For this, there is a special type of steel which is required. We may have to import and, in fact, we shall have to import some steel when we make the prototype of the wagon. But later, when we start production it would be possible for our steel mills to supply this steel in India.

SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : From the press reports about the deal with the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union appears to have suggested deferred payment in six equal annual instalments for these wagons. A U.N. agency is reported to have commented that it was strange that a highly developed country should be asking for such a facility from a developing country. The State Bank of India was approached for financing the supply of some 10,000 wagons but it seems to have expressed its inability to undertake operations of this magnitude. In view of this, what steps are the Government going to take to clear the difficulty about foreign exchange?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I would respectfully beg of the hon. Member not to go by the press reports that appear on this subject but by the authoritative statements that we may make in the House and outside. So far as the trade with Soviet Union is concerned, the House is aware that it is based on a balanced rupee account in which exports and imports are to be matched. Therefore, the arrangement that we shall come into will bear all this in mind.

SHRI R. K. AMIN : Whether the price paid by USSR is the correct price or not can be known by seeing what prices we are receiving from other countries like Japan, Korea, etc. for the same wagons.

Is there any difference in price and if there is any difference, what is the reason?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : I am unable to understand what the hon. member is saying. As I said, these are special type of wagons which are going to be manufactured. There is no price indicated from the Soviet Union. The price that we have indicated does take into account the prices that we have offered to other countries.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

उत्तर प्रदेश में उद्योग

* 36. श्री रणजीत सिंह : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान उत्तर प्रदेश के राज्यपाल द्वारा दिये गये इस सुझाव की ओर दिलाया गया है कि अल्प विकसित तथा पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए लाइसेंस देने के मामले में प्राथमिकता दी जानी चाहिए; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) सरकार की यह नीति है कि अल्प-विकसित क्षेत्रों के औद्योगिक विकास के लिए यथासंभव अधिक से अधिक सहायता दी जाये। इस बात को तथा स्थान संबंधी अन्य बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुए उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए लाइसेंस गुणावगुणों के आधार पर दिये जाते हैं।

PUBLIC SERVANTS INVOLVED IN STEEL DEAL

* 37. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the nature of action taken by the Government of India against the public servants who were involved in the Steel Deal in 1960;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Vigilance Commission have also agreed