

अभी कहा था कि इसकी पूरी तरह से जांच हो रही है। इस बजट में अभी इसका उल्लेख नहीं है।

श्रीमती जयबिन शाह : मीटर गेज को ब्राड गेज में कन्वर्ट करने के लिये जो कमेटी बनी थी और उसने जो रिपोर्ट दी है, वह तो ठीक है, लेकिन जिन लाइनों के बारे में इन-प्रिन्सिपल तय हो गया था, मैं उनके बारे में पूछना चाहती हूँ जैसे वीरम गांव से ओखा लाइन के बारे में इन-प्रिन्सिपल तय हो गया था, पिछली दहा उसके प्रिन्सिपलरी सर्वे को भी बजट में शामिल किया गया था, लेकिन नये बजट में फिर प्रिन्सिपलरी सर्वे के लिए रख दिया है। जब प्रिन्सिपल में एक चीज एग्री हो जाती है और जो कमेटी बंठी थी, उन्होंने भी सिफारिश की है तो मैं जानना चाहती हूँ कि क्या बजट है कि उसको बजट में शामिल नहीं किया गया ?

श्री रोहन लाल चतुर्वेदी : ये दोनों प्रान्शन इकानामिक ब्रांच लाइन्ज के सम्बन्ध में नहीं उठते हैं। माननीय सदस्यों ने जो पूछा है, उसके सम्बन्ध में मुझे यह निवेदन करना है कि उस कमेटी की रिपोर्ट पर अभी जांच हो रही है और जल्दी ही जो निर्णय होगा वह सभा पटल पर रख दिया जायगा। जहाँ तक वीरम गांव-ओखा लाइन का सवाल है, जैसा आपको मालूम है उसके प्रिन्सिपलरी सर्वे के लिये कहा गया है। इसकी डिटेल्ज मैं इस वक्त बताने की स्थिति में नहीं हूँ।

श्रीमती जयबिन शाह : प्रिन्सिपलरी सर्वे की बात तो बहुत सालों से चलती है इसके लिये तो इन-प्रिन्सिपल एग्री कर लिया गया था ...

श्री रोहन लाल चतुर्वेदी : इस वक्त मैं इसके बारे में कुछ ज्यादा नहीं बता सकता ...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : रेलवे बजट पर बाकायदा 17 घंटे की बहस होने वाली है। उस वक्त आप को मौका मिलेगा, इसलिये इस वक्त इस क्वेश्चन-आवर को इस तरह से क्यों इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं।

दूसरे मेम्बरों को भी इस वक्त का लाभ वयों नहीं उठाने देते। मैं आपको रेलवे बजट पर जरूर टाइम दूंगा।

Qn. 37 is already answered.

SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL : He has not replied to 37 (b).

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE : Why not delete all questions on railways because we are going to have a debate on railway budget ?

MR. SPEAKER : We had enough number of questions. Therefore, I am not going to allow any further question.

SHRI MANIBHAI PATEL : Sir, question 37 (b) has not been replied to at all.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : My supplementary has nexus with Question No. 37. When the Committee magnanimously visited Parasia, it was represented that for economic welfare the narrow gauge line between Parasia and Nagpur should be converted into broad gauge.

MR. SPEAKER : You are a very clever lawyer. I am sorry. Next question.

Steel Outlay for the Fourth Five Year Plan

- *36. **SHRI PILOO MODY :**
SHRI C. C. DESAI :
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :
SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the steel outlay for the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the attention of Government has been invited to a report in the 'Economic Times' of the 7th January, 1970 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :

(a) to (c). The report in the 'Economic Times' of the 7th January, 1970 is in substance correct. This Ministry have submitted a revised programme of outlay for steel development in the Fourth Plan to the Planning Commission. The Government will decide on this programme when finalizing the Fourth Five Year Plan. The details of the revised programme on outlay, apart from the continuing schemes is in the statement placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT. 2564/70] It envisages an additional expenditure of approximately Rs. 234 crores over the original programme for about Rs. 326 crores.

SHRI PILOO MODI : I would like to know why in spite of the fact that targets have been revised the capacity for billets as originally envisaged has been completely cut off. They are not mentioned at all. I am talking about the manufacture of billets in Bhilai.

SHRI K. C. PANT : The manufacture of billets is a part of this expansion of Bhilai from 2.5 million tonnes to 4.2 million tonnes.

SHRI PILOO MODY : Is it there ? How much ?

SHRI K. C. PANT : According to your latest estimate we want production of the order of 680 thousand tonnes in Bhilai.

SHRI PILOO MODY : You have upgraded the original. My second question is regarding Bokaro. I would like to know whether the Bokaro Steel Plant even at this stage is over shooting its cost.

SHRI K. C. PANT : At the present stage in Bokaro, Stag...—although it does not strictly arise from the question,—I would say, it would cost somewhat higher than the original cost.

SHRI PILOO MODY : How much ?

SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Sir, in view of the tremendous rise in the capital cost of steel billets over the last 3 years may

I know what would be the capital cost per tonne in respect of the new capacities created and how will it compare with the capital cost of the existing plants ?

SHRI K. C. PANT : I am afraid I cannot give any precise figure until the detailed project report is prepared. At this stage we are only trying to finalise locations and so on. Thereafter the feasibility studies will be undertaken. When the DPR is finalised only then can one anticipate with precision what the envisaged cost per tonne would be. Roughly we have estimated that Rs. 700 crores would be required for two steel plants.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA : What is the capacity ?

SHRI K. C. PANT : The capacity will be between 3 and 4 million tonnes. Some hon. Members—rose.

MR. SPEAKER : There are other clubbed Members. Shri Shivappa is not here.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : I would like to know from the Minister as to what is happening about the inclusion of steel plant in the fourth five-year plan. I want to know about the inclusion of the location of the steel plant in Mysore. Mysore Government has all along been asking and urging the Central Government about the location of the steel plant at Mysore. I want to know whether it is in the consideration of the political 'zig-zams' or the political circles. I would like to know a categorical answer from the Minister whether this Government will give an assurance that the steel plant will be located in Mysore State.

SHRI K. C. PANT : Was he referring to the State Government when he says, political something, that is there ?

AN HON. MEMBER : He has coined a new word, 'zig-zam.'

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Political circles.

SHRI K. C. PANT : I am glad he is kind to the State Government today. The

question of the location of the steel plant is under study.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : I want to have categorical answer to my question, namely whether that study includes the Mysore State for the location of the steel plant. My question has not been answered I seek your protection.

SHRI K. C. PANT : It includes certain sites in Mysore also.

MR. SPEAKER : My protection is always there, because he has a distinguishing cap on his head.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Grant of Licences to Birlas for setting up Alloy and Special Steel Plants.

* 38. **SHRI GANESH GHOSH :**
SHRI B. K. MODAK :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 301 on the 18th November, 1969 regarding the grant of licences to Birlas for setting up Alloy and Special Plants and state :

(a) the details of the expansion plans of the public sector Alloy Steel Plants at Durgapur;

(b) when these plans are expected to be implemented;

(c) the circumstances under which, instead of implementing with an immediate effect the plans for the expansion of public sector Alloy Steel Plants, Government had to grant licences for the production of alloy and special steels to two associate firms of the Birlas;

(d) whether any other party or parties applied for licences to produce alloy and special steels;

(e) if so, the names and particulars of the parties; and

(f) the reasons as to why two associate firms of the Birlas were particularly selected for granting licences ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (**SHRI K. C. PANT**) : (a) and (b). The expansion plans of Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur are still under consideration.

(c) As already stated in answer to Unstarred Question No 301 on 18th November, 1969, licences were issued to these two Associate firms of Birlas and 12 other private parties, and also to Mysore Iron & Steel Ltd., as the assessment of the future demand indicated that it would not be satisfied ever after expansion of Alloy Steel Plant at Durgapur.

(d) and (e). A statement indicating the parties to whom licences/letter of intents were issued is laid on the Table of the House [*Placed in Library, See No. LT-25651/70*].

(f) Does not arise.

Loss incurred by Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

*39. **SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM :**
SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd has been constantly suffering loss since its inception;

(b) if so, the amount of loss suffered during the year 1968--69;

(c) the reasons for the losses; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the drawbacks of the undertaking ?