

**SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA :** The hon. Member very well knows that recently at his own request we have sent a senior officer to go into the affairs of this Corporation. We are examining the recommendations made by him.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Since the policy pursued by the Government now is to have workers' representatives in the Board of Management, and this being a public undertaking I would like to know whether they have considered the feasibility of having workers' representative on the Board, and if not, the reasons for the same.

**SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA :** It is a good suggestion for action. We will take it into consideration when we consider the report of the officer concerned.

**SHRI B. V. NAIK :** We find that this Corporation has been purchased or nationalised by the Government at a capital cost of Re. 1, and that it was making a loss of Rs. 25 lakhs. Will it be a part of a consistent industrial policy that any consumer goods industry consistently loosing will be taken over by the Government at the Centre or in the States ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** The question was about steps taken to improve production, and you are going into general policy.

**SHRI B. V. NAIK :** I think the hon. Minister is anxious to reply.

**MR. SPLAKER :** Ministers are very anxious, but I am anxious to go ahead and let the other Members have their chance.

**श्री राम सहाय पांडे :** अध्यक्ष जी, प्रश्न के इधर उधर यदि प्रश्नकर्ता चला भी जाय और अगर मंत्री जी उस का उत्तर देना चाहते हों तो क्रुपा कर के आप इन का चेहरा देख लीजिए और उत्तर देना चाहते हो तो दिला दीजिए ।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** आज तक इतनी अच्छी राय किसी ने मुझे दी नहीं ।

**SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH :** May I know whether this undertaking has received any orders from foreign countries, and if so,

to what extent has it been able to fulfil them ?

**SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA :** Some orders were received and we have tried to fulfil them, but they are not to our expectations.

#### Setting up of Graphite Electrode Project in Public Sector

\*1536. **SHRI N. K. SINHA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a graphite electrode project in public sector is proposed to be set up in Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the progress thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) :** (a) and (b). Government are exploring the possibilities of setting up a unit in the public sector for the manufacture of graphite electrodes, and have invited offers for collaboration from well known manufacturers in industrially developed countries.

**SHRI N. K. SINHA :** Is it a fact that the country is producing not even half of our annual requirements ? In view of the fact that the principal raw material required, namely calcined coke, is produced at Barauni Oil Refinery and can be obtained cheaply at Samastipur, that Samastipur is a backward district where special concessions will be available even to the public sector and that there is a thermal power station close by, about 45 miles away at Barauni, do Government propose to consider the case of Samastipur for setting up this graphite electrodes factory ?

**SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY :** It is true that our production at the moment is far less than our requirements, and that is why Government is trying to go into this field. Out of our projected requirement of 20,000 tonnes, we have reserved 10,000 tonnes for the public sector, and the balance 10,000 tonnes will be given to the private sector. Certain applications are before the Government. I do not know whether any of them relates to Samastipur. If I remember a right, the only application we have got from Bihar relates to Modi Industries, which is a large industrial house.

**SHRI N. K. SINHA :** In view of the fact that the Government of Bihar are prepared to collaborate in this project and they are prepared to create the necessary infrastructure, will the government be prepared to consider the proposal of setting it up in the public sector in Samastipur in Bihar ?

**SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY :** The Chief Minister and the Industries Minister of Bihar came up for a discussion with me yesterday about a graphitic electrode plant and I pointed out the difficulty in agreeing to certain private parties who want to go to Bihar. We are in the process of discussions. Certainly, we will keep the suggestion of the hon. Member in mind when we finally decide about this matter.

**पश्चिम रेलवे के फलना और रानी स्टेशनों पर ऊपरी पुल**

\*1537. श्री मूलचन्द्र डागा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार पश्चिम रेलवे के फलना और रानी स्टेशनों पर ऊपरी पुल बनाने का है जिसके लिए उन क्षेत्रों के निवासियों द्वारा समय समय पर मांग की जाती रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त ऊपरी पुलों का निर्माण सम्भवतः कब तक किया जायेगा ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री मूलचन्द्र डागा : पश्चिम रेलवे के फलना और रानी स्टेशनों के पास जो दो गांव हैं वहां पर ऊपरी पुल के अभाव के कारण उन क्षेत्रों के निवासियों को बड़ी असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ना है और वहां पर सैकड़ों बैलगाड़ियां वजन लादे घंटों खड़ी रहती हैं जिसके कारण लोग पास से गुजर नहीं सकते हैं तो क्या उनके द्वारा की गई शिकायतों पर भी आप का ध्यान नहीं गया है ?

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** Though I have said "no, Sir" officially, I have already written a letter to the Chief Ministers of States that they may send proposals for over-bridges and under-bridges according to the proposals laid down in the budget. If my hon friend persuades the State Chief Minister to send that proposal I would be very happy to accept that.

श्री मूलचन्द्र डागा : आप के जो रेलवेज के अधिकारी हैं वह हम और क्यों नहीं आप का ध्यान दिलाते हैं और क्या यह जरूरी है कि जब मुख्य मंत्री ही वहां के हम और आपका ध्यान दिलायें और इसके लिए प्रपोजल भेजे तभी आप उसे स्वीकार करेंगे ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** You have got "yes" out of "no". What else do you want ?

**देहरादून में सीमेंट का कारखाना**

\*1539. श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : क्या औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देहरादून में सीमेंट का एक कारखाना स्थापित करने के किमी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह कारखाना सम्भवतः कब तक स्थापित किया जायेगा ?

औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री धनश्याम जोशी) . (क) और (ख). भारत सीमेंट निगम द्वारा देहरादून जिले के वाग्दाला में प्रतिवर्ष 2 लाख मी० टन की क्षमता वाला एक एकड़ स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास सक्रिय रूप में विचाराधीन है। सामान्यतया एक नए कारखाने को उत्पादन प्रारम्भ करने में लगभग 5 वर्ष लग जाते हैं।

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : जैसा कि मंत्री महोदय ने मूल प्रश्न के उत्तर में स्वीकार किया है कि देहरादून में सीमेंट का एक कारखाना स्थापित करने की योजना सक्रिय रूप से सरकार के