

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: As it is, there is no proposal.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: It seems the Minister is unmindful thinking of resignations, expulsions and suspensions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not apply to you. Why are you bothered?

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: His party is always worried about the Congress party.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Sir, the hon. Minister has said in his statement that the Government has issued one letter of intent to Maharashtra. I would like to know whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has submitted four paper projects based on sugarcane bagasse...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please hear me? This has been answered by the Minister. He said that four such applications have come. You don't hear and you put the same question.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: I am going to ask further.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: When will these be cleared by the Centre and when will they start? That is my question. I have heard his answer.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: As far as Maharashtra is concerned, the State Industrial Development Corporation has applied for a newsprint paper mill based on bagasse. The progress is on and we are awaiting further progress.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: He has said about one project only. There are four bagasse based projects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must hear the question and the answer—both of you. His answer is that bagasse based newsprint project is only one. Your question is not only on bagasse based newsprint projects but on everything.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Sir, we have four projects based on bagasse. I can even mention the names of the projects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister's answer is that there is one application for a bagasse based project. If you think that the answer is not correct, then there are other ways in which you can bring it to our notice. You cannot say, "I know more than the Minister". Mr. Vikal.

श्री रामचन्द्र विवाल : श्रीमान् मेरा, प्रश्न माननीय मंत्री जी ने जो जवाब दिया है उसी से संबंधित है। उन्होंने अपने जवाब में कहा है कि कोई से वास्तविक रूप में यह जना नहीं है कि विनिर्मित राज्य सरकारों को आने लिखा है अंग्रेज लिखा है ? मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि विनिर्मित राज्य सरकारों से अब तक क्या रिपोर्ट आई है ?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: We have asked the State Governments where they are manufacturing news print, to assist newsprint factories. But we have not written to any State Government.

Plans for improving performance of public sector undertakings

*83. **PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any long-term and short-term plans have been prepared by Government for improving the performance of the public sector

undertakings under the control of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The short-term and long-term measures, *inter alia*, include technology upgradation, modernisation, diversification of product-mix, provision of additional captive power facilities, restructuring where necessary and formulation of corporate plans.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am very sorry to say that the answer has fallen far short of the requirements. By reading this answer I have not become wiser even by an inch. I wanted to know specifically from the Minister what the long-term and short-term plans are with regard to the different industries under his charge. The answer is a very comprehensive sort of a thing saying technology upgradation, modernisation, diversification of product-mix, and so on and so forth. This is not the way an answer has to be given. When a Member puts a question to seek specific information and if the information is not forthcoming, the Member is not able to perform his functions properly. Therefore, I would request the Ministry kindly to give correct answers. Having said that, I would like to ask the Minister kindly to state specifically the industries where there is formulation of corporate plans in the Ministry of Industry.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: The distinguished Member has asked a comprehensive question and in all humility I may say when he has asked a comprehensive question, we are also entitled to give a comprehensive reply. There are some sixty companies under our charge and if we give details of all of them, I think we will be loading the honourable

Member with information which is already published...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lakshmanna, you have put a general question and the answer is in general terms.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: The honourable Member has asked: Whether any long-term and short-term plans have been prepared for improving the performance of the public sector undertakings...

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I wanted to know....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let not the blind lead the blind. Let us be more specific.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I have asked a specific question...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, you have not.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: Already we have corporate plans from—

Andrew Yules

Tyre Corporation of India

National Instruments Limited

Jessop & Company

Bharat Pumps & Compressors Limited

Scooters India Limited

Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Limited

Instrumentation Limited, Kota

The other enterprises are also in the process of formulating corporate plans.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: How many long-term and now many short-term plans are there for different industries under his charge in terms of various processes he has mentioned like technology upgradation, modernisation, etc.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: I have already mentioned about corporate plans of a few companies. If

the honourable Member would kindly look into the annual publication of the Department of Industry and Public Enterprises, I think he will get all the details. Regarding technology upgradation, etc. it would take a little time because the honourable Member has asked a question which needs some detailed reply. Regarding technology upgradation Bharat Pumps & Compressors has signed a technical collaboration with Pompes Guinard of France for manufacture of new range of process centrifugal and nuclear pumps. Bharat Brakes and Valves have acquired new technology for air brakes from Oerlikan, Switzerland, for executing orders for the Indian Railways. Bharat Heavy Electricals is now taking steps to acquire technology for engineering design, manufacture, installation and commissioning of gas turbines. Lagan Jute Machinery has acquired latest technology machines and high precision equipment.

Technological upgradation: In the Hindustan Machine Tools, technological upgradation is planned through a five-year and ten-year perspective plan for R&D. Heavy Engineering Corporation is now pursuing technology for walking draglines for technological upgradation. Hindustan Cables has set up new projects in the field of optic fibre cables and systems. Technological collaborations are being appraised for final decision.

Modernisation of plant and equipment: National Newsprint and Paper Mills Limited have executed a scheme costing Rs. 35.4 crores for modernisation and renovation. Mandya National Paper Mills Limited have also a modernisation and rehabilitation plan at a cost of Rs. 18.42 crores, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited have launched a modernisation plan...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Minister may stop now.

श्री बीरेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने उत्तर में सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों

के संबंध में जो श्रीर सुझाव सुधार लाने के दिये हैं, क्या उसमें प्रशासनिक सुधार लाने की दृष्टि से कोई स्पेशल कैडर इन इन्टर-प्राइजेस में अधिकारियों को रखने के लिये बनाया गया है और क्या उनको ट्रेन्ड-करके इसमें रखा जाता है यह मेरे प्रश्न का पहला पर्ट है ? दूसरा पर्ट मेरे प्रश्न का यह है कि जो अर्जुन सेन गुप्त कमेटी इस संबंध के बनाई गई श्री और जिसने अपना रिपोर्ट 31-12-1984 को दे दी थी उस पर इन सोलह महीनों में अभी तक सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

श्री नारायण बत्त तिवारी : श्रीमान्, जो सम्मानित सदस्य ने, प्रबन्धकीय जो अधिकारी हैं उनके प्रशिक्षण के बारे में, उनकी नियुक्ति के बारे में, प्रशासन की दक्षता के बारे में कह है यह बहुत ही उचित सुझाव है। इस संबंध में पूरा प्रयास किया जा रहा है कि सारे प्रतिष्ठानों का प्रबन्धकीय जो दृष्टिकोण है उसकी व्यवस्था हो और उसे सुव्यवस्थित किया जाय और उनमें दक्ष जो अधिकारी हैं उन्हें हें नियुक्त किया जाय। इसके लिए जो अधुनिकतम परिपाटियाँ हैं, जो प्रणालियाँ हैं, प्रशासनको चुस्त और पुस्त बनाने की उनका प्रयोग किया जा रहा है और इसके अनुसार अनेक प्रतिष्ठानों ने कार्य शुरू किया है।

श्री बीरेन्द्र वर्मा : स्पेशल कैडर ?

श्री नारायण बत्त तिवारी : उनका अलग वर्ग बनाया जाय, उनका प्रशासकीय संवर्ग बनाया जाय यह एक ऐसा प्रश्न है जो स्थानान्तरण और दूसरे प्रश्नों से जुड़ा हुआ है और इसके बाद यह भी होगा कि कंपनियों की अटानामी, स्वायत्तता नहीं रहेगी और विभिन्न कंपनियों के कुछ वर्गों का स्थानान्तरण होता रहेगा। इस प्रश्न पर हम पुनर्विचार करना चाहेंगे और इस संबंध में हम माननीय सदस्य का सुझाव चाहेंगे कि किस तरह स्वायत्तता बनाये रखते हुए संवर्ग बन सकते हैं। इस संबंध में अगर वे अपने सुझाव दें तो मैं उनका आभारी हूँगा।

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : अर्जुन सेन गुप्ता कमेटी

श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी : अर्जुन सेन गुप्ता कमेटी की रिपोर्ट की सस्तुतियों को जहाँ तक प्रश्न है वे सभी विचार धान हैं : दो होलिंग कंपनियों बनाने का प्रस्ताव है वह अंतिम चरण में पहुँच गया है। एक तो इस हवा को केंद्र मानकर होलिंग कंपनी बनने जा रहे हैं और एक कलकत्ता को केंद्र मानकर होलिंग कंपनी बनाने का प्रस्ताव है। यह भी अपने अंतिम चरण में हैं।

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, the hon. Minister has detailed some of the measures taken for the improvement of the performance of public sector undertakings, under the control of his Ministry. Even then, there is heavy loss. The mobilisation of resources to the extent of Rs. 35,000 crores is expected from the public sector for the Seventh Five-Year Plan. To defeat this objective, losses are continuing. In 1983-84, the loss was Rs 1,241.33 crores. In 1984-85, the loss was Rs. 1094.84 crores. Of course, there is a decline in loss. Even this loss should not have been there. This means, the measures taken by the Government so far have not proved effective. That is why I would like to know from the hon. Minister what are the alternative effective methods to reduce the loss so as to help the Seventh Five Year Plan for mobilising resources to the extent of Rs. 35000 crores.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: I think that the information with the hon. Member requires a little updating. According to the information which has been officially published, the profit in the units under the Department of Industrial Development and Heavy Industries is Rs. 12 crores in 1984-85. If you take the net result of all the undertakings put together, the turnover has increased from 1152 crores to 3278 crores in 1984-85 and the loss has been turned into profit. From a loss of 47 crores in 1980-81, the profit now is 12 crores in 1984-85. According to the Corporate Plan en-

visaged in the future, 11 units out of 14 units in the Department of Industrial Development and 10 units in the Department of erstwhile Heavy Industries will be turned into profit-making units.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: If there is any contradiction, then you may write to the Chair, and I will see if there is any contradiction in the answer.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, I am referring to the Public Enterprises Survey for the year 1984-85. It is an authentic record. It is the total loss of public sector. The hon. Minister has referred to one or two units here and there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The answer is very clear. He said that in 1984-85, it has made a profit. If you dispute that statement you should write to me with all the material and I shall take it up.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: I may clarify the matter. Prof. Lakshmananna has asked the question about the public sector units under the control of my Ministry and not about all the public sector undertakings. The hon. Member is referring to the profit and loss account of all the undertakings while I am referring to the public sector undertakings under the control of my Ministry. That is the difference.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: The losses in the public sector industries are not due to lack of modernisation and implementation of new technology. In some cases, it is due to mismanagement. There is no proper management in some of our public sector industries under the Minister himself. Has the Government any plan to have proper management system for improvement in our public sector industries?

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: Sir, the hon. senior Member from Muzaffarnagar asked the same question regarding improvement in management. I agree that there are some units where we have to improve our management, especially in taken-over units. Sir, these were sick units and we have taken them over during the last 5 or 6 years. We have to improve their working qualitatively and quantitatively. We have to put in some more experience in the running of these mismanaged units. We would require the support of this House to do it.

SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Admittedly, public sector undertakings are working in loss. Has the Government any plan to hand them over to the private sector?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question does not arise. Next question.

Telecommunication Facilities in Maharashtra

*84. **SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1436 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1986, and state:

(a) by when the laying of coaxial line is expected to be completed between Aurangabad and Nanded in Maharashtra; and

(b) what are the reasons for which STD services could not be extended to Nanded, Parbhani and Jalna towns in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIR-DHA): (a) Between Aurangabad and Jalna the coaxial cable system is already installed and commissioned. From Jalna to Nanded the Coaxial

Cable is laid but associated work of jointing and termination is in progress and is expected to be completed by 1986-87 end. The associated system will be completed in 1987-88.

(b) Provision of S.T.D. facilities to any place involves the completion of following connected works:—

(1) Installation of Automatic exchange of appropriate type at that station.

(2) Installation of reliable transmission medium including multiplexing equipment required for linking that station to national network.

(3) Installation of appropriate termination in the Trunk Automatic Exchange to which the station is to be connected.

(4) Installation of required terminating equipment in the local exchange at the station.

In respect of Jalna, automatic exchange is available. Reliable transmission medium has been recently made available. Capacity in Trunk Automatic Exchange is available. S.T.D. facility to Jalna is likely to be provided during 1986-87.

In respect of Nanded, Automatic exchange is available at this station and capacity in Trunk Automatic exchange at Aurangabad is also available. STD facility will be provided to Nanded as soon as the reliable transmission medium is made available. In case of Parbhani S.T.D. facility will be provided after automation of manual exchange at Parbhani and availability of reliable transmission medium.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, as the Minister has said, the coaxial line is complete from Aurangabad to Jalna, and for Jalna to Parbhani and Nanded it is in progress and it will be completed by the