

विदेशों से चीज मंगाती है तो यह कितनी गम्भीर चीज है इसकी ओर मैं ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ जो कि मंत्री महोदया ने स्वयं स्वीकार किया है।

दूसरी चीज मैं जानना चाहूँगा कि अगर बाहर से प्लांट लिया तो जो लोग प्लांट चलायेंगे उनको कोई ट्रेनिंग देने की व्यवस्था की गयी थी, क्या उसका कोई टेक्निकल नो हाऊ इम्पोर्ट किया गया ? तीसरा, उस प्लांट के मेन्टिनेंस की व्यवस्था आपने की क्या ? अगर इन तीनों की व्यवस्था की हो तो मैं उसके डिटेल्स चाहूँगा। इन तीनों के के अभाव के कारण प्लांट जो इतना मंहगा आया उसका कोई उपयोग नहीं हो रहा और रिसर्च डेवलपमेंट के नाम पर यह केवल एक शो पीस रख दिया गया है, यह अच्छा नहीं है। तो इसको चलाने के लिये आपने जो कमेटी बनाई है वह पहले क्यों नहीं बनाई। अब तो मंगा लिया है तो इसमें ट्रेनिंग, मेन्टिनेंस और रनिंग नो हाऊ के लिये आपने क्या कदम उठाए हैं।

**श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा :** सर, सबसे पहली बात तो यह है कि खेतड़ी कॉपर प्लांट के आफिसर्स को इसमें ट्रेनिंग दे दी गयी थी इसको चलाने के लिये और दूसरी बात मैंने पहले भी कहा कि जो डेफिसियेंसी है, वह टेक्नीकल डेफिसियेंसी है या और बाहर की भी, तो उसके लिये कार्यवाही चल रही है, और आस्ट्रेलियन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के टेक्नीशियन्स आ गए हैं और हमारे यहां पर आ रहे हैं, उनका अटेंशन इनकी तरफ आया है and they are very much engaged in this work.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Shri Dhabe, not there. Shri Chaturanan Mishra.

**श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि किसकिस केपेसिटी में, प्लांट जब आया था, तब काम कर रहा था और अभी किस केपेसिटी में यह काम कर रहा है ?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** It is a research project. You are asking another question. Next question.

\*307. [Transferred to the 13th December, 1985.]

#### Visit of a High Powered Delegation to Japan

\*308. **SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered delegation led by Shri L. K. Jha, visited Japan in the month of September, 1985 to study the methods of upgradation of steel plants; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the report submitted by the delegation and what action has been taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA):** (a) and (b) An Economic Mission led by Shri L. K. Jha visited Japan from September 11th-18th, 1985. The Mission was deputed as a return Mission to the economic delegation of Japanese industrialists which had visited India in November, 1984. The Mission received positive response to further possibilities in corporation between India and Japan in the industrial scientific and technological field. The Mission did not specifically discuss the possibilities in the steel sector.

**SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:** Sir, recently the Prime Minister visited Japan. I would like to know whether there was any discussion regarding modernisation of steel industry...

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** This Minister cannot answer this question. You must ask the External Affairs Minister.

**SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:** What was the outcome of the discussion by the Chairman of SAIL and the Managing Director of IISCO regarding modernisation and upgradation of Burhanpur steel factory?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** The Chairman SAIL and MD IISCO visited Japan in November this year and this was just before the visit of the Prime Minister as the hon. Member has mentioned. They discussed the present progress of the Indian steel industry, the status of SAIL the need for collaboration efforts between the Japanese steel industry and India so as to bring the operation of the Indian steel industry to international standards.

The possibility of Japanese steel industry assisting in the modernisation of IISCO was also mentioned by Chairman SAIL. The response of the Japanese was favourable. These talks were however, exploratory and further progress will depend on our proposals to the Japanese steel industry to be followed by their independent examination of the Indian steel industry.

**SHRI THANGABAALU:** In 1971 our late hon. Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi laid the foundation stone for the Salem steel plant. Subsequently, the Salem steel plant..

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Not relevant.

**SHRI THANGABAALU.** It is relevant Sir. I am coming to the question. The Salem steel plant became the Salem rolling mill, and they have assured in the House so many times that the Salem rolling mill will be upgraded. (Interruptions). It is relevant, it is regarding technology.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Thangabalu please sit down.

**SHRI THANGABAALU:** It is very important, Sir.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** It may be important to you and me but not to the House.

Yes, Mr. Kapil Verma.

**SHRI KAPIL VERMA:** The hon. Minister has said that the delegation received positive response. I want to know, what was exactly the positive response, what were the suggestions made by this delegation and what action has been taken by the Government on this?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** Both the Government feel that modernisation of Indian steel industry would need to be further discussed at the industry level. If any positive conclusions emerge, the Japanese Government will presumably help in the promotion of collaboration. So it was of a general nature, just to promote steel industry in India and a positive response was there from the Japanese side.

**SHRI KAPIL VERMA:** What were the suggestions made by the delegation and what action you are taking?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** These were for close cooperation for industrial, scientific and technological development.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Next question. Question No. 309 Dr. Bapu Keldate. Absent.

**DR. BAPU KALDATE:** I am here Sir.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** I am sorry. He is there. You know there are so many absentees that I always....

**DR. BAPU KALDATE:** When my question is there, I am always here.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Thank you very much. Question No. 309.