

Ltd. (W^oC3S). the National Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC), the Directorate of Small Scale Industries, and private consultancy houses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF SIMLA Agreement
314. SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT :
SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : SHRI
JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: SHRI
PITAMBER DAS : SHRI MAN
SINGH VARMA : SHRI N. K.
SHEJWALKAR : SHRI N. G.
GORAY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of term of the Simla Agreement acted upon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :
(a)

With the delineation of the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir and the withdrawal of troops from occupied territories, paragraph 4 of the Simla Agreement has been implemented in full.

SCOOTER PLANT AT LUCKNOW

315. SHRIMATI PARTIBHA SINGH : SHRI SITARAM KESRI :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently inaugurated a Rs. 12 crores scooter project at Lucknow in the Public Sector ; and

(b) whether this project is supposed to be set up with Italian Collaboration ; and if so, the details of the collaboration agreement, and its foreign exchange content ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) The foundation stone for the Project at Lucknow was laid by the Prime Minister on 8-4-73.

(b) No foreign collaboration as such is envisaged. The scooter plant of M/s.

; Innocenti at Milano in "as is where, is" condition together with the drawings, designs and technical data for the manufacture of the latest models of Lambretta Scooter and world licensing rights for Lambretta Scooters have been acquired on payment of \$ 1.85 million of which \$ 1.45 is to be paid in cash and balance in free shares.

MARKETING NETWORKS FOR COPPER AND ZINC

316. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Hindustan Copper and Hindustan Zinc are establishing their own marketing networks; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not using the existing public sector distribution networks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH CHANDRA HANSDA): (a) and (b) Both Hindustan Copper Ltd. and Hindustan Zinc Ltd. have their own marketing organisations for the sale of copper and zinc which are their main products. At present there is no Public Sector marketing agency for the distribution of indigenous production of these non-ferrous metals which are mainly allocated to meet the priority requirements of Defence, Railways, P&T, Food & Agriculture & other actual users.

The bye-products of Hindustan Zinc Ltd. viz. Lead, Cadmium, Single Super-Phosphate Fertilizer, etc. are also being marketed by the sales organisation of the company. Hindustan Copper Ltd. is setting up its own Marketing Department for undertaking the work of sale promotion and sale of triple super phosphate to be produced at Khetri Copper Project. Triple-Super-Phosphate to be produced by Hindustan Copper Ltd. will be practically a new product in the country requiring special efforts for building up

the market for this product. After careful consideration, it was considered that there would be no particular advantage if this product is sold through the existing distribution channels. On the other hand, it would be more economical for Hindustan Copper Ltd. to set up its own organisation for marketing triple super phosphate.

DEVELOPMENT OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGICAL DESIGN

317. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take step to develop a non-ferrous metallurgical design and consultancy undertaking in public sector; and

(b) if so, what kind of application oriented researches Government propose to encourage to reduce use of imported non-ferrous metals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH CHANDRA HANSDA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) In respect of Aluminium it is proposed to set up in the first instance an Aluminium Application and Documentation Centre with the participation of the public and private sector units and later on an Aluminium Research Centre at Korba in conjunction with the Aluminium smelter being set up there in the public sector by the Bharat Aluminium company Limited.

2. The objectives of the Aluminium Application and Documentation Centre are: (a) To identify the problems of interest to the aluminium industry and formulate projects for research and development work including studies on product development and substitution of scarce materials.

(b) To set up laboratory and other facilities for the overall development of uses of aluminium.

(c) To study and forecast the pattern of demand and supply of aluminium and its products including prospects of export.

(d) To establish liaison with the research laboratories of industry, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Universities etc. also to farm out R&D projects to these laboratories regarding application of Aluminium.

(e) To advise Indian standards Institute in the formulation of National Standards pertaining to Aluminium product?

(f) To collect and disseminate information pertaining to research development and application of aluminium products and establish necessary facilities, such as library, documentation centre, service etc., and publish papers, reports or bulletins.

The Research Centre at Korba, to be set up later, will take up research and development work pertaining to production of alumina, aluminium and semis.

3. As regards zinc, copper and lead, existing smelters were set up more or less on turn key basis by foreign consultants. Maximum use of indigenous technical skills is being availed of for the additional smelting capacity under implementation. Planning and Development cells existing in the public sector copper/ zinc producing undertakings, are being strengthened to absorb the know-how and technology for mining and smelting so as to obviate dependence on foreign consultants and to build up eventually the base for an Indian design and consultancy organisation for these metals.

4. There are also independent design and consultancy units in the public and private sectors in the country operating in the field of non-ferrous metals. Assistance of these undertakings, wherever