

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 products.

(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, the 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

feasible, is being taken in the implementation of the new projects/expansions. Particular mention could be made of Engineers India Ltd. and National Industrial Development Corporation in the public sector.

इस्पात उद्योग के लिये संरक्षित चूना पत्थर क्षेत्र

318. श्री सवाई सिंह सिसोदिया : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्रो यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ऐसे किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है जिसके अधीन उन क्षेत्रों को जो इस्पात उद्योग के लिये संरक्षित किये गए हैं संरक्षित क्षेत्र नहीं माना जायेगा, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्योरा क्या है ?

†[CONSERVATION OF LIME STONE AREAS FOR STEEL INDUSTRY

318. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are considering any proposal under which the lime stone areas which have been conserved for the steel industry will no longer be treated as conserved areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुबोध चन्द्र हंसदा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH CHANDRA HANSDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

फिजी में भारतीयों के साथ व्यवहार

319. डा० भाई महावीर:

श्री बेणीगल्ल सत्यनारायण:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि फिजी के कुछ नेता और राजनीतिज्ञ भारतीयों

को वहाँ से यूगांडा की तरफ निकालने की जो धमकी दे रहे हैं उनके प्रति सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

†[TREATMENT METED OUT TO INDIANS IN FIJI

319. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR: SHRI VENIGALLA SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the reaction of Government to the threat being given to the Indians by some leaders and politicians of Fiji to drive them out as was done in Uganda?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : फिजी में भारतीय मूल के लोगों को ऐसी कोई धमकी नहीं दी गई है । फिजी के प्रधान मंत्री ने फिजी-समाज के बहु-जातीय स्वरूप को स्वीकार करने की नीति का निरन्तर अनुसरण किया है और इसके विरुद्ध अगर कोई बात कही गई है तो उसकी उन्होंने सार्वजनिक रूप से निन्दा की है । फिजी में भारतीय मूल के बड़े-बड़े नेताओं ने भी इस तरह का कोई डर दिखाया जाने को अस्वीकार किया है । फिजी का प्रबुद्ध नेतृत्व और वहाँ विद्यमान जातीय संबंधों की समरसता सर्वविदित है और व्यापक रूप से सम्मानित है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): There are no such threats against the people of Indian origin in Fiji. The Prime Minister of Fiji has consistently adhered to the policy of accepting the multiracial character of Fijian society and has publicly repudiated any insinuations to the contrary. Prominent leaders of Indian origin in Fiji have also denied the existence of any such