

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : Sir, I think I have clarified the position as well as I could. Both India and the USSR were there at the request of the Government of Bangladesh and both these units or organisations undertook this work under the overall direction and under the overall indications provided by the Government of Bangladesh. It is quite obvious.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जान सकूँगा कि आपने इस बारे में कोई जानकारी ली कि रशिया के जो लोग वहाँ काम करते थे और भारत के जो लोग वहाँ काम करते थे उनके सम्बन्ध इस बारे में किस प्रकार के रहे और जो कार्यक्रम वहाँ चलता था वह किस आधार पर चलता था।

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : Our relations with the USSR in various fields are friendly. This question was specific. The implication was that we had placed some naval units under the control of the USSR naval authorities. I have categorically denied that. Our relations, of course, at various levels, amongst the members of the Armed Forces and even at the civilian level and at the political level are very friendly with the USSR and there was no exceptional situation prevailing there which would cast any shadow or cloud on our relationship with the USSR.

EXPANSION OF TATA IRON & STEEL Co. LTD.

*38». SHRI KALYAN ROY : त
SHRI BALACHANDRA
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SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI
BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :
SHRI GANESH LAL MALI :
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :
SHRIMATI PERTIBHA
SINGH : SHRI K. P.
SUBRAMANIA MENON :

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kalyan Roy. I

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :
DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has since been taken for the expansion of the Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) and (b) : Government have approved the preparation of a feasibility study by Nippon Steel of Japan. to determine how best to increase the capacity of the Steel Plant of Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., from its existing level of 2 million tonnes of ingots a year to 4 million tonnes or more and achieve this most economically and expeditiously.

SHRI KALYAN ROY : An unholy marriage is taking place with the blessings of Mr. Mohan Kumaramangalam, a progressive Cabinet Minister. The two monopoly houses are coming closer. Nippon Steel is a Japanese monopoly firm and the Tatas are a big Indian monopoly firm.

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI : Which of them is the bride ?

SHRI KALYAN ROY : You better ask the Minister. My first question is, why no indigenous attempt was made either from the public sector or from other sources for a study of the expansion of the Tatas and what is the amount of foreign exchange involved in the study for the expansion and preparation of the blueprint and feasibility ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The consultants in our country who are experienced in framing feasibility reports for steel plants, i.e., the Central Engineering Design Bureau of Hindustan

Steel and Messrs. M.N. Dastur and Company have more than enough work now to keep them engaged and it would be impossible for them to take on any further work. Moreover, we know that it would be useful to make use of the advanced steel technology that has developed in Japan and as the hon. Member himself seems to have remembered, the Tatas and Nippons have relationship in relation to technical matters for many years. That is why the Government decided to accept and approve of the proposal of the Tata Iron and Steel Company to commission Nippon Steel to prepare a feasibility report for their expansion. The cost of the feasibility report will be Rs. 35 lakhs.

SHRI KALYAN ROY : When the Government controls 40 per cent shares of the Tatas and when the Tatas are notorious nowadays for their unfair labour practice whether it is in Jamshedpur or in the coal-mines; may I know whether the Government have any plan for the takeover of the entire TISCO for modernisation, expansion and for the better labour-management relations ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : Government has no plan at present for the takeover of TISCO. But so far as the expansion project is concerned, Government have set up a Steering Committee.

श्री जगदम्भो प्रसाद यादव : दुर्गापुर बनाने को दिया जा रहा है, टाटा के मैनेजमेंट से कहीं बढ़िया है।

श्री सभापति : यादव साहब, आप मिनिस्टर नहीं हैं, उनको जवाब देने दीजिये।

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : I will be very happy to answer your question also when the time comes. But allow me to finish my answer to his question. If you do not feel like listening, just keep silent.

Government have set up a Steering Committee consisting of seven persons with four representatives of the Government headed by the Chairman of Hindustan Steel to oversee and supervise the feasibility study.

श्री नमोशब्द प्रसाद शाही : श्रीमन्, वह तय हो जाना चाहिए कि अनहोली-मैरिज कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी और कांग्रेस में है या टाटा और कांग्रेस में है।

SHRI KALYAN ROY : It will also be settled. But how long is this unholy alliance between the Coal-mine owners and the Rajnarain group going to last ?

श्री सूरज प्रसाद : मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि निष्पन्न कंपनी जो यह टाटा के एक्सपेंशन के बारे में विचार कर रही है उसकी रिपोर्ट निकलने के बाद उसमें जो पूंजी लगेगी वह पूंजी सरकार देगी या वह पूंजी टाटा अपने पॉकेट से लगायेंगे और छत्तर सरकार उसमें पूंजी लगायेगी तो मैनेजमेंट में सरकार का हाथ रहेगा या नहीं ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : No final decision has been taken in relation to the matter of financing this expansion programme. We have only approved of the drafting of the feasibility report. After the report is made available and the scale of finance necessary to support such a programme is known, a decision will be taken on the method of financing it.

श्री सूरज प्रसाद : तो क्या टाटा का मैनेजमेंट होगा। मेरा दूसरा क्वेश्चन है कि टाटा का जो मेमोरेडम इस सम्बन्ध में था क्या उसी तरह से आप मैनेजमेंट चाहते हैं। यह मेरा जो क्वेश्चन है इसका भी जवाब दे दीजिये।

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : As I have stated earlier, so far as the stage of the drafting of the feasibility report is concerned, it is going to be drafted

under the overseeing power and supervision of a Committee headed by the Chairman of Hindustan Steel, on which four members of the Government will be there. There is time enough to decide on the method of financing after the feasibility report has been made available.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI : May I know from the hon. Minister about one thing ? When the time for financing comes and suppose the finance is to be made available by the financial institutions in which the Government of India is interested, is the Government thinking in terms of joint ventures or is it thinking in terms of including these also in the holding company ? If so, kindly give us an indication of what is in your mind.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM : When the time comes for us to take a decision in this matter, I shall give an indication.

SHRIK. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON : Considering the fact that the Tatas are the biggest single monopoly house in this country, may I know whether this expansion of TISCO will increase their assets considerably and whether such an action is considered as one of the steps taken to fight the monopoly in this country ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM : So far as the question of the expansion is concerned, the hon. Member will appreciate that when the expansion—that is to say, the character of the financing of such an expansion—is finally decided upon, Government's policy of restricting the growth of monopoly will be fully respected and implemented.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA

♦154 SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the latest developments in the direction of re-establishment of trade and economic relations between India and China ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : There have been no new developments in this regard.

कारिगरी को अंगकालिक प्रशिक्षण

* 384. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या अम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नवम्बर, 1971 में हुई बैठक में व्यावसायिक कला प्रशिक्षण की राष्ट्रीय परिषद् ने अंगकालिक कारिगरी को प्रशिक्षण देने की एक योजना तैयार की थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसे अब तक कार्यान्वित न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

PART-TIME TRAINING IN CRAFTSMANSHIP

*384. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a meeting held in November, 1971, the National Council for Training in the Vocational Trade formulated a scheme of imparting training to part time craftsman; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the same so far ?]

अम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री के०पी० रघुनाथ रेड्डी) : (क) जी, हां।

[] English translation.