

लेने के लिये वहाँ जो बातचीत हुई उसके बारे में सरकार संक्षेप में बतायेगी।

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH : The Government will take the responsibility of carrying on these negotiations. It will not be wise to discuss it in the House before the negotiations start or when the negotiations are going on.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : जब सरकार बात करती है तो रिस्पॉन्सिबिल रहती है, रिस्पॉन्सिबिलिटी का सवाल नहीं है, सवाल यह है कि देश के बीच और पाकिस्तान के बीच चार-चार, पाँच-पाँच बार गम्भीर लड़ाई हो चुकी है तो उस लड़ाई की पुनरावृत्ति नहीं हो इसके लिये देश भी जागरूक रहे और सदन भी जागरूक रहे और वह जानकारी में रहे कि आप ताशकन्द की तरह का कोई दूसरा समझौता भी तो नहीं करेंगे। उदाहरण के लिये...

श्री सभापति : आपके सवाल का जवाब हो गया।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : श्रीमन्, एक शब्द रिस्पॉन्सिबिलिटी का कह दिया। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि मरी में क्या बातचीत हुई, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि किस आधार पर समझौता करने जा रहे हैं।

श्री सभापति : आपका हो गया। समझौता किस तरीके से होगा यह अभी नहीं बताया जा सकता है।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : जो हुआ है वह तो बता दें। उनको बताने तो दीजिये। फिर दूसरा ताशकन्द समझौता हो जायगा और फिर देश अनजाने में पड़ा रह जायगा।

श्री सभापति : आप मेहरबानी करके बैठिये।

*126. [The questioner (Dr. Bhai Mahavii) was absent- For answer vide col. infra.]

STEEL PLANT IN ORISSA

♦127. DR- R. K. CHAKRABARTI : t
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR
MUKHERJEE : SHRI
KRISHNA BAHADUR
CHETTRI: SARDAR
AMJAD ALI :

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

(a) whether the Orissa Government have submitted any proposal along with a feasibility report on the establishment of a steel plant at Nayagarh/Paradip in Orissa ;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have examined the report and if the answer be in the affirmative what is the reaction of Government to the proposal ;

(c) whether Government have received such proposals from any other State ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI P. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This proposal will be considered along with other studies being made for raising steel production.

(c) No, Sir. Location studies for integrated steel plants are taken up from time to time by the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

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*142. SHRI D. K. PATEL: SHRI O. P. TYAGI : SHRI
CHANDRAMOULI : SHRI
JAGARLAMUDI : SHRI K.
P. SINGH DEO :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government have assured the Central Government that they would produce the cheapest

fine question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Rajat Kumar Chakrabarti.

^Starred Questions 127 and 142 were taken up together

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chandramouli Jagarlamudi.

steel in the country if they were allowed to set up the proposed steel plant at Nayagarh ;

(b) whether the Government of India have examined the proposal ; and

(c) if so, what is their reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) No, Sir. The State Government has, however, furnished the Ministry of Steel and Mines with a copy of a Feasibility Report prepared for them by Messrs. Dastur & Co. for aji. integrated steel plant in Orissa. The Consultants have recommended the location of a plant at Nayagarh.

(b) This proposal will be examined along with other studies being made for the steel development programme.

(c) Does not arise, at this stage.

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI : So far as my information goes, that report has been submitted by the State Government regarding the steel plant. My first question to the hon. Minister is this : Can we expect a firm date regarding a decision in this respect ? And my second question in connection with part (c) is : If any other State Government submits any proposal for a new plant, will it be considered by the Central Government ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The House will appreciate that even the proposal from the Orissa Government is in respect of plants to be put up after the end of this decade or towards the end of this decade, that is to say, plants to come into operation in 1980, 1981, 1982 and so on, because they are the plants to be constructed after completing the construction of the present round Visakhapatnam, Vijaynagar, Salem, the expansion of Bhilai and the expansion of Bokaro up to 4 million tonnes. And naturally any proposal from any State Government will be given consideration. But ultimately it will be the duty of the Government of India to decide, on an overall assessment of the position, which is the best area where these plants should be put up.

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : In view of the fact that most of the public sector steel projects are not utilising their full

capacities of production, may I know from the Government whether they will lay emphasis on reaching the full production capacity in the existing plants instead of raising hopes of establishing new steel plants and making the establishment of steel plants a political issue ? In this connection, may I further know whether the Government of India has any idea of expanding the Durgapur steel plant to reach a production target of 3 million tonnes a year, as was promised by the Minister himself in January ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The Government does not look upon this question as choosing the alternative, that is to say, if we decide to improve production in the existing steel plants, we should pay no attention to the building of new steel plants. Government considers that both these things have to go hand in hand, and we are concentrating in both areas, namely, raising the present level of utilisation of the existing plants as well as construction of new plants. So far as the question of expansion of the Durgapur steel plant is concerned, the matter is being examined and as soon as the feasibility report is put up, the Government will take a final decision.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : Sir, the Orissa Government along with its memorandum to the Minister of Steel and Mines, has submitted a feasibility report prepared by Dastur and Company. Dastur and Company is the most dependable consultant so far as the Government of India is concerned and it gives a calculation of an economy of 35 per cent or so in case this steel project is taken up in Nayagarh. In view of the economy of the project if it is situated in Nayagarh, what is the difficulty in the hon. Minister taking an immediate decision in the matter? That would economise steel production in the country to a great extent.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The House will appreciate that however dependable a consultant may be—and the honourable Member is entitled to have his own opinion about the dependability of the consultant concerned—ultimately it is for the Government, after examining the report and recommendations of the consultant, to come to a conclusion. We will naturally look into the report that has been submitted by the Orissa Government prepared by the Dastur & Co. carefully before coming to a conclusion. Hurry in such matters does not always help.