

ALUMINIUM PLANT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

*146. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of the flourishing of the aluminium industry in the private sector, the two plants in the public sector which are to go into production in 2/3 years are faced with the problems of finance and suitable market for their produce; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the situation is proposed to be remedied ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) : (a) The two public sector aluminium projects under implementation are likely to go into production during the years 1973 and 1974 and will not be adversely affected by the expansion of aluminium industry in the private sector.

(b) Does not arise.

**MODERNISATION OF B.N.C. MILLS,
RAJNANDGAON**

♦147. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Managing Agents of the B.N.C. Mills, Rajnandgaon, formulated scheme for the rehabilitation and modernisation of the said Mills and implemented it during the past 5 years;

(b) if so, what actual work was done in the different departments of the Mills and the actual amounts spent department-wise;

(c) whether second-hand machinery was purchased and replaced in some departments; and

(d) if so, the reasons' therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) \ statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Yes, Sir.

(d) The difficult financial position of the Mills did not permit the purchase of new machinery.

STATEMENT

According to the information received from the Managing Agents, they have renovated the machinery of the B.N.C. Mills Rajnandgaon, in respect of the following items : —

- (i) Spinning has been renovated from ordinary three rollers drafting to Casa 500-A drafting and from Band Drive to Tape Drive.
- (ii) IOO card fillets¹ have been changed.
- (iii) 16 second hand cards and two sets second hand draw frames have been added.
- (iv) Looms have been renovated.
- (v) Waste and Net plants have been partly renovated.
- (vi) Printing Sectioni has been added.
- (vii) Capacity of dye-house has been increased by adding belt stretches and jiggers.

The total cost incurred on the renovation of machinery is reported to be Rs. 12 lakhs. No financial assistance has been provided to the Managing Agents from any outside sources.

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*148. श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत में रंगीन फिल्में बनाने के लिये एक कारखाना लगाने का निर्णय किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कारखाना किस राज्य में लगाया जायेगा; और

(ग) कारखाना लगाने के लिये किस फर्म को इजाजत दी गई है ?