

आधारित प्रभाग-प्रबन्धक है जिसका पद प्रथम सचिव का है तथा जिसके पास एक निजी सहायक, जो भारत-आधारित है और एक द्विभाषिया तथा एक मन्देशवाहक है, जिनको स्थानीय रूप से भर्ती किया जाता है ।

(ख) सरकार ने खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम द्वारा टोकियो में एक कार्यालय खोलने और राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा सोवियत रूस स्थित भारत के राजदूतावास के भाग के रूप में, मास्को में एक स्थायी केन्द्र संगठित करने को मान लिया है ।]

श्री भगवत नारायण भार्गव : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह आवश्यक नहीं समझते कि एक्सपोर्ट के प्रसार और बढ़ाने के लिये मुख्य-मुख्य सभी विदेशों में कार्यालय किसी रूप में खोले जाय ताकि भारत का एक्सपोर्ट बढ़ सके ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : हा जी, मैं मानता हूँ और इसीलिये आहिस्ता-आहिस्ता इस दिशा में हम जा रहे हैं ।

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: May I know, Sir, what has been the quantity of the minerals and metals exported and the names of the countries after the formation of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: After the formation of this Corporation there has been a tremendous growth, even more than what we had expected when the bifurcation took place because there was doubt expressed whether the bifurcation was necessary, but the concentration that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has been able to make on exports of different minerals has proved the results to be very gratifying.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: May I know, Sir, how much quantity has been exported?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Details as to the whole working of the Corporation, I think, do not arise from this question.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: May I know, Sir, what are the commodities being imported against the items exported by the M.M.T.C.?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The division is of minerals and metals. Import of metals and export of minerals are generally attended to by the M.M.T.C. and the rest of the merchandise by the S.T.C.

श्री विसलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि अभी आपने यह बताया है कि प्रगति हुई है तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि गत वर्ष कितना एक्सपोर्ट किया गया इसके माध्यम से और इसको दूसरे देशों में काम्पेटिशन तो नहीं करना पड़ता है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : मुझे ऐसा जवाब देने में माननीय सदस्य को कोई एतराज नहीं है लेकिन रोटर्डम आफिस कहा है और सारे आफिस का एनुअल वर्किंग क्या है, यही सवाल है ।

श्री विसलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : यही सारे वर्किंग की बात तो मैंने पूछी । जब हंड आफिस यहाँ है, तो उसमें सारी इन्फार्मेशन भी कलेक्ट करनी आवश्यक है और अगर वह नहीं होती है, तो कोई प्रश्न ही नहीं है ।

श्री मनुभाई शाह : रोटर्डम आफिस के द्वारा ही यह कारपोरेशन काम नहीं करता है । यह उनका हजारवा हिस्सा भी नहीं है । कारपोरेशन का काम सारी दुनिया के साथ लगा हुआ है ।

ASSEMBLY OF SMALL CAR WITH
INDIGENOUS PARTS

*780 **SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private automobile manufacturing com-

pany in Maharashtra has assembled a small car without importing any part from outside;

(b) if so, the name of the firm;

(c) the cost at which the car has been manufactured and the price for which it will be sold; and

(d) what assistance Government propose to give to this concern?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) to (d) It has been reported that a car has been assembled by the Technical Director of a certain Engineering Works in Maharashtra State (not by a private automobile manufacturing company) from assorted parts taken from second hand cars and a few newly procured parts. The car so assembled has not been put to the usual tests. According to the manufacturer this type of car could be produced and sold for about Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 7,000, exclusive of duties and taxes. No concrete scheme for the manufacture of such a car has been submitted to Government. The party has also not approached Government for any assistance in the matter.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: May I know, Sir, if the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a statement made by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, saying that he is satisfied that the firm is capable of manufacturing a small car and that he is approaching the Centre also? May I know, Sir, whether the Chief Minister has approached the Centre for this purpose or not; if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this matter?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: I think the interpretation put by the hon. Member on the statement of the Maharashtra Chief Minister is not exactly accurate. He did not mean that this car could be manufactured on a large scale on this basis.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: I should like to know whether any approach has been made by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra to the Central Government for this purpose. If it is so, what is the reaction of the Central Government to that matter?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: No such approach has been made by the Chief Minister.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरडिया :

क्या श्रीमान् यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जब हमारे देश में छोटी कारों की आवश्यकता है और किसी पार्टी ने उनका निर्माण किया है, तो वे अगर आपके पास एप्रोच न भी करें, लेकिन आपको उसकी इत्तिला हो गई, तो क्या शासन ने इस बात का प्रयास किया कि ऐसे लोगों को इनक्रेज करने की दृष्टि में ऐसा कदम उठाया जाय जिससे इन कारों का निर्माण हो सके ?

श्री टी०एन० सिंह : मैंने अपने उत्तर में इसका निर्देश कर दिया है कि उन्होंने सैकंड हैंड कार्स के पार्ट्स और नये पार्ट्स मिला करके उसको असेम्बल किया है, इस वजह से यह ऐसी चीज नहीं है जो लार्ज स्केल प्रोडक्शन के सिलसिले में मोची जाय ।

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: While this project may or may not be satisfactory, in view of the discussion held in the other House and here, has the hon. Minister been convinced that there is a great need for a small car, and if he is convinced, is he now taking any steps to give to this country some reasonably-priced car? Can he give us some definite assurance on this subject?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: I have made the position quite clear in my speech the other day in the Lok Sabha. Our attitude is that while there is a demand and a need for such a car it is always to be taken in conjunction with the priorities and claims of other important industrial units. We are looking into that question. It will be too

early to make any commitment also because the Fourth Plan programmes are under consideration of the Planning Commission. Without fully consulting them it will be premature to make any declaration.

SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: May I know, Sir, how long will this Government take to tell this House about this car?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: I have already indicated that this will be a Fourth Plan project because we are nearing the Third Plan period and the Fourth Plan has yet to be cleared by the Planning Commission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shrimati Shyam Kumari Khan.

SHRIMATI SHYAM KUMARI KHAN: My question has been answered.

SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: The hon. Minister, while replying, said that the interpretation of the hon. Mr. Jaipuria as regards the statement of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra is not correct. If that is so, may I know, Sir, what is the interpretation of the hon. Minister as regards his statement?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: As a matter of fact, I had talks with the Maharashtra Chief Minister and other Ministers also in this connection and, as far as I know, from their mind, there is no such thing. They have only said that this was a car assembled by a concern. And this cannot form the basis actually for a large scale production. On that they are also convinced.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: There was a discussion a couple of years back in this very august House and it was unanimously decided that we are not going to have a small car. May I know, Sir, if there is a change in the attitude of the Government that they are going to consider having a small car now?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: I have already stated that this will be considered in the Fourth Plan. There was no decision in this House that this would never be taken up.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Sir, this matter has been hanging fire for the last ten years. The private manufacturers, all the three of them, are very uncertain about their future position. Different types of questions have been raised in both the Houses from time to time. May I know from the hon. Minister whether he would like to make a categorical statement as to whether the question of a small cheap car will be taken up during the Fourth Plan or the matter is still under consideration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has already said that the matter is under consideration and it is being studied.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: May I know, Sir, if it is a fact that the matter regarding the small car was practically decided but owing to the opposition of the persons who hold monopoly at present of the manufacture of cars it was postponed?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: I strongly repudiate that suggestion. No such influence has been brought to bear on the Government; it has not worked and it will not work.

*781. [The questioner (Shri Babubhai M. Chinai) was absent. For answer vide col. 5149 infra.]

वृन्दावन का मेन लाइन से जोड़ा जाना

*७८२. श्री गिरिराज किशोर कपूर :
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वृन्दावन की जनता ने वृन्दावन को मेन लाइन से जोड़ने के लिये बार-बार प्रार्थना की है, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो सरकार ने इस बारे में क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?