

श्री पां० ना० राजभोज : इस डेलीगेशन के ऊपर हमारी कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च हुई ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मैंने अर्ज किया कि हमारा एक आफिशल डेलीगेशन यू० एस० एस० आर, जी० डी० आर० और पोलैंड गया। उसके ऊपर अभी तक जो खर्च आया है वह करीब सत्तावन हजार है और कुछ थोड़ी सी रकम अभी बाकी है जो देनी है।

IMPORT OF CAMPHOR

***4. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 45 in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th February, 1959 and state:

(a) the figures of imports of camphor during December, 1958 and January, 1959; and

(b) whether any further licences for import of camphor have been granted in the months of February and March, 1959?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) The quantity of camphor imported during December 1958 and January 1959 was 32,234 lbs. and 17,139 lbs. respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, how much of this quantity was imported by the State Trading Corporation.

SHRI N. KANUNGO: The State Trading Corporation has not imported anything at all up till now.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation was granted a licence for importing camphor?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Yes, Sir. The State Trading Corporation was grant-

ed a licence because prices had shown a tendency of going up too high, and as a result of the licence being granted to the State Trading Corporation, prices have come down and the first shipment of import by the State Trading Corporation is likely to reach India somewhere this month or the next.

SETTING UP OF METHANOL PLANT AT SINDRI

***5. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the Methanol Plant lying at Sindri is likely to be put into operation; and

(b) who is setting up the plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b): The matter is under examination.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know if a project work report has been received about this Methanol Plant?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Two experts from West Germany are already in Sindri. They have not yet submitted the project report; it is expected shortly.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any Indian consulting engineers have also been asked to give project reports?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: This problem has been examined several times by the technicians of Sindri Fertilizer Factory and also by a committee consisting of the Senior Industrial Adviser (Chemicals) to the

Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and one or two others. We have now entrusted the task to the B.A.S.F., a prominent firm of West Germany, to explore the possibilities of utilising this plant.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know the date or year that this plant was received in India?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: A few years ago, probably in 1950-51 or so.

INVESTMENT MADE IN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN PUBLIC SECTOR

*6. **SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:** Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made in industrial projects in the public sector during the First Five Year Plan and so far in the Second Five Year Plan periods and its foreign exchange component; and

(b) what is its break-up, industry-wise and State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b): The information available is not complete in all respects and is being collected from the State Governments and the Ministries concerned. A statement will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

INVESTMENT MADE IN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN PRIVATE SECTOR

*7. **SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:** Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made in industrial projects in the private sector during the First Five Year Plan and so far in the Second Five Year Plan periods and its foreign exchange component; and

(b) what is its break-up, industry-wise and State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The investments made in organised manufacturing industries (excluding mining, plantation, transport, electricity) in the First Five Year Plan and in the first two years of the Second Plan period are indicated in Appendix I (*given below*) under major groups of industries. The total investment in these industries in the First Plan is estimated to have amounted to Rs. 305 crores and in the first two years of the Second Plan to about Rs. 340 crores.

As regards foreign exchange component, no estimates have been made in relation to the industrial investments under the First Five Year Plan; it may be pointed out that the problem of foreign exchange was not a serious question during that time and therefore no attempt was made to collect the information in this regard separately.

As regards the total foreign exchange component of the investments made in the first two years of the Second Five Year Plan also, the information is not readily available. However, the foreign exchange sanctions for the organised manufacturing industries in the private sector during the Second Plan period upto March, 1959 are available and these are indicated in Appendix II (*given below*) under major groups of industries.

A study of the State-wise break-up of the investments and the foreign exchange thereof has not been attempted till now either by the Planning Commission or by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.