

All those persons who are concerned have been brought in.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CURRENCY PAPER MILL IN INDIA

*236. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have secured machinery and other equipment on deferred payment for establishing a currency paper mill at Hoshangabad; and

(b) if so, what is the approximate cost thereof and when the mill is likely to be established?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA): (a) and (b). Government have decided in principle to establish a Security Paper Mill in the country for the manufacture of currency, bank note and other security paper. Implementation of the decision has not been practicable so far owing to the difficult foreign exchange position of the country.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether the Government have approved this scheme or have postponed it and what is the total estimated cost of this Government factory?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: The answer to one of the questions put by the hon. Member is already implied in the original answer I have given that in principle they have agreed. There is no question of postponement. As to the second part of the question. I think the total estimate that was submitted by one of the firms was Rs. 4 crores, but it is not a final decision. Government has not taken a final decision on it.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether the Government will run this factory in collaboration with some firm or it will be a Government or India concern?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: It will be wholly a Government of India concern. But, of course, some collaboration might come from foreign concerns. As I said, all these things are under negotiations and it is not for me to give the names and details.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, if any foreign experts would also be requisitioned for running this factory, and if so, whether any negotiations are going on to engage them?

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA: That is the main purpose of our negotiations with the foreign firms.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is it not a fact, Sir, that because of cheaper and easier currency paper, the Government will be induced to produce more currency?

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

AMENITIES PROVIDED FOR PRISONERS IN THE NEW JAIL BUILT IN DELHI

*237. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the nature of amenities provided for the prisoners in the new jail built in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

There are arrangements for the classification and corrective treatment of prisoners. There is a Reception and Orientation Ward for interviews and classification, separate blocks for different types of prisoners, and workshops for various trades. There is a separate school building for children, and the women's ward has a separate section for vocational training; separate reading rooms for adult and juvenile offenders and also a small library.