

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 8th May 1958

The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RECRUITMENT MADE BY THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION

*271. SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation
has taken all the employees of the private
companies whose business was taken over by
the Corporation; and

(b) if not, how many of them have been
recruited by the Corporation and what are the
guiding principles for such recruitment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COM-
MERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH
CHANDRA) : (a) The State Trading Corporation
has not taken over the business of any private
company.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Sir, in view of the
fact that the State Trading Corporation has
taken over the business of the export of iron
ore, may I know if all the employees who
were previously employed in those companies
that were exporting iron ore have been
reemployed by the State Trading
Corporation?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Iron ore mining
and handling of iron ore exports are done by
the established agencies. The State Trading
Corporation enters into contracts with foreign
countries. But nobody has been displaced on
that account.

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SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know,
Sir, if the State Trading Corporation is only
to get the profits and has no liability for any
damages that may arise on account of the
negligence on the part of the agencies
exporting iron ore?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I could not
understand the question.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know, Sir,
whether the business concerns especially in
Andhra Pradesh have gone out of business
because the State Trading Corporation has
taken over all the functions that were being
carried on by those business concerns?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No, Sir, it is not a
fact. Nobody's business has been taken away
by the State Trading Corporation.

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: May I
know, Sir, whether the State Trading
Corporation has exported manganese ore on
their own account or not?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Sir, as far as
manganese and iron ores are concerned, it is
more the servicing function that the State
Trading Corporation discharges, and the normal
handling agencies, the trading agencies and the
mining agencies have not been displaced at all.
It is true that sometimes the contracts are
directly with the State Trading Corporation by
the foreign countries.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Then how are the
agencies of the State Trading Corporation
functioning there? Are they functioning without
employees, automatically?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The mining
operations are not being handled by us and so the
labourers and workers employed by the miners
are still continuing to do the work.

SHRI V. PRASAD "RAO:- I am not talking of the mining operations as Such but of those companies that were actually dealing with the expert of these 'things', 'transshipment find other' concerns.'

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: As I said, the State' Trading' Corporation has only the servicing function, and thosejagenqtes like, merchants or traders or commission agents still continue <io exist. The -State Tratfin.fi Corporation. generally ,qpera.tes through, them.and so nobody, ffcbcung displaced.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इसमें कितने सेवक हैं, अभी कितने लोग लेने को बाकी हैं और कितने कैसेज पेंडिंग हैं और उसका कारण क्या है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : इसके लिये नोटिस चाहिये ।

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : मैंने जो सवाल पूछा है उसको आप कृपा कर के मुन लीजिये और मुझे जवाब दीजिये । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसमें कुल कितने सेवक हैं, अभी कितने लोग लेने को बाकी हैं और कितने कैसेज पेंडिंग हैं और उसका कारण क्या है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : कितने आदमी लिये जायेंगे यह तो काम के ऊपर निर्भर करता है । स्टेट ट्रेडिंग कॉर्पोरेशन का काम हल्के हल्के बढ़ता जाता है और जितनी जरूरत होती है उतने आदमी रखे जाते हैं । कितने आदमी लिये गये, कितने अब तक रखे गये, कितने और रखे जायेंगे, इसकी संख्या में फौरन नहीं दे सकता । अगर अनरेबिल मेम्बर दूसरा प्रश्न करें तो जवाब दगा ।

SHRI T. BODRA: Sir, in view of the fact that in Bihar State the output of iron ore is more than that in Orissa State, how it is that State Trading Corporation is giving preference to Orissa State and not to Bihar?

SHRI , SATISH CHANDRA: II depends' oh- the' Cq of the iron ore, availability of transport, the capacity? Of the, newest port to handle the traffic, so many factors come in.

SiiR!, AMOLAkH.CHA^D:...! put a question earlier and the hon! Deputy Minister said that he could not fol low. ' T wanted'tcr'know ■ 'this/ "When the State Trading Corporation has taken pver the distribution of cement and other materials and are getting profits out 'of it, aiv they liable to pay for. any. cIWfjes .that may arise on .account egiigerice- of their agents or not?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: As far as "the"¹ qju'es'tidS of profits i of the State Trading" Corporation¹for internal distribution of cement and other commodities is ' concerned, "this Corporation is like any private limited company. If overall profits are there, they will certainly declare a dividend like 'all other-public corporations¹-of the Government of India.' As for the special profits made" because we had to import a certain amount of foreign cement and"[^]wTiicfi'dldYhot fully materialise, as-the'House is aware;"in the Budget we have provided fox a National" Road ' Development Eund to which a large' part of that money will be allocated.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES; FOR THE ' SEEOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

*272r SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: , . Will the Minister of PLANNING, be pleased to.state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has completed the survey of the external resources for the Second Five Year Plan;

Cb) whether any greater gap has been foreshadowed in the resources of the Plan; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to bridge the gap?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING <SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b). In a Memorandum on