

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is not the process more or less the same, for example, some sort of coke is made and then used? That is what I want to know and whether it is being used in the manufacture of steel.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It will not be an economic proposition.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the iron content of lignite as compared with the Hematite and other varieties of iron ores?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Lignite does not contain any iron. Lignite contains coal, not iron.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES

*128. **SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY:** Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Executive Boards for the management of Ordnance Factories have been set up;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the particulars of these Boards; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for which no such Boards have been set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) An executive Board of Management has been set up.

(b) A statement showing the composition of the Board is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Composition

Chairman—Director General, Ordnance Factories

Members

Deputy Director General, Ordnance Factories (Administration)

Deputy Director General, Ordnance Factories (Production).

Deputy Financial Advisor (Factories).

Controller of Defence Accounts Factories).

Secretariat.—To be provided by Headquarters, Director General, Ordnance Factories.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, when it was set up?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: The Board started functioning with effect from 1st April 1957.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if the constitution is on the same lines as the Executive Board of the Royal Ordnance Factories in the U.K.?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: I have not been able to examine this particular point; I shall do so on due notice.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know the relation between the Defence Production Board and this Executive Board—whether it substitutes the Production Board or whether it works under the Production Board?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: Perhaps the point would be clear if I started exactly what the functions of this Board are. The Board's functions will be advisory. It deals with:—

(i) all matters concerning the operation and administration of factories relating to the powers of the Director General of Ordnance Factories which he can only exercise with the concurrence of the associated Finance;

(ii) to make recommendations to the Controller General of Defence Production, the Defence Production Board or the Government on matters

beyond the powers of the Director General of Ordnance Factories;

- (iii) to assist in implementing expeditiously the decisions of the Defence Production Board;
- (iv) to recommend any changes in the Factory Account rules, if considered necessary;
- (v) to agree to the recruitment of non-gazetted an non-industrial staff at other than the minimum scale of pay, where the Director General of Ordnance Factories is the authority to do so with the concurrence of Finance.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

PERIODICAL INSPECTION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES

*129. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any arrangement for the periodical inspection of Ordnance Factories; if so, what is that arrangement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): Yes, Sir. Every Ordnance Factory is Inspected at least once a year by the Director General, Ordnance Factories or senior Officers of his Headquarters. The Controller General of Defence Production also inspects Ordnance Factories while on tour at convenient intervals.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether these inspections referred to are not regular annual inspections, but they are only casual inspections?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: Normally every factory is inspected at least once a year by the Director General of Ordnance Factories or senior officers at the headquarters. In addition to these inspections, the

Controller General of Defence Production also inspects them during his tours.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if this inspection referred to is inspection of the detailed production activities, staff problems and implementation of the directions issued by the Director General of Ordnance Factories or whether the inspections are concerned only with giving recommendations in tour notes?

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: I may say that during inspection emphasis is on production activities of the factories and items of delayed production receive special attention, though administrative and staff matters of various kinds are also attended to and generally representatives of trade unions are also interviewed on administrative questions.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if this matter was brought before the Estimates Committee and the Estimates Committee had recommended regular inspections to be carried on on commercial lines, just as in Government companies.

SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH: I would like to have notice.

भारत इलेक्ट्रानिक्स (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड के भारतीय कर्मचारियों का कार्यपटता

*१३०. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारत इलेक्ट्रानिक्स (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड के फ्रांसीसी कर्मचारियों की कार्यपटता की तुलना में वहां के भारतीय कर्मचारियों की कार्यपटता में अन्तर होने के कारण की जांच की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस अन्तर के मुख्य कारण क्या हैं; और

(ग) यह अन्तर कब तक दूर हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?