

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether there is any proposal also to start a steel industry by the Japanese people here in India?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: For the present there is no proposal.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the import of steel from Japan is conditional on the supply of ores from India?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No, Sir. There is no condition attached. But it has always been our endeavour to see that the exchange part is met by the export of ore.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When the steel is imported into India, will it be put into the pool or will it be allowed to be sold by themselves.

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No steel is allowed outside the pool.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the steel is being imported by specific concerns for their own use or for selling it in the pool?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: There are three categories of import licence-holders : (i) the established channel of imports; (ii) the actual users; and (iii) certain agents on behalf of the Government.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: May I know, Sir, what quantity is being imported from Japan by S.T.C.?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: In this particular case, the S.T.C. does not directly come in. There are three categories of importers. Whatever is done directly on behalf of the Government, sometimes the S.T.C. handles.

SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: What is the quantity imported so far?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: No quantity so far.

NEYVELI LIGNITE PROJECT

*168. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state the time by which the multipurpose Neyveli Lignite Project is expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): The project is still at a preliminary stage, but according to the tentative time schedules drawn up for its implementation the full production stage of the mine will be reached by the end of 1960. The first unit of the 211 M.W. thermal power station is expected to be commissioned by the middle of 1960. The erection of the fertilizer plant is scheduled to be completed by the end of May, 1961. The briquetting and carbonising plant is expected to commence operations on a commercial scale by about October 1961.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, from what countries those articles are coming to India, the places where the equipment is available—or is there any delay?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Orders have been placed for machinery and specialized mining equipment costing about Rs. 5\ crores mostly in West Germany.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know the total cost of this multipurpose project?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: It will be about Rs. 65 crores.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know whether this Lignite project area was flooded with water and whether the preliminary removal of water is taking place? Has that portion of the work been completed and has Government found it to be a workable proposition?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: There is no flooding. Artesian acquifers below the lignite bed exercise an upward pressure in the mining area. It

has been established from the experiments conducted, that by pumping about 27,000 to 28,000 gallons of water per minute the water level could be taken down to a safe depth several feet below the lignite bed-

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know as to the type of lignite that is going to be mined and whether it will be useful in boilers as a fuel?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: Yes, Sir.

SHRI G. RANGA: May I know how soon will irrigation be commenced and what area will be brought under cultivation?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The water will be pumped out and it will be for the Madras Government to utilise the surplus quantity of water.

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*135. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY): Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the establishment of the National Council of Applied Economic Research in Delhi by private effort:

(b) if so, whether any assistance has been sought by that Organisation from Government; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the particulars thereof.

THE MINISTER FOR TRADE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No grant-in-aid has been asked for or given. Government, however, propose to finance research by the Council in specific subjects.

†Postponed from 28th November, 1956.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know who are the sponsors of this Research institution?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, this Council has been registered under the Societies Act and the first Governing Body contains the following members: —

Dr. John Matthai,

Shri C. D. Deshmukh,

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari,

Shri V. T. Krishnamachari,

Shri Ashoka Mehta,

Shri J. R. D. Tata,

Shri J. F. Sinclair,

Shri N. R. Pillai, and

Shri P. S. Lokanathan till lately Executive Secretary of the ECAFE, now the Director-General of the Council.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: It is stated that the Government of India will finance the scheme. May I know whether the Board of Directors will find any portion of the money themselves and, if so, what percentage of the funds will they make available?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, this is a *bona fide* institution for promoting research. Now I am asked to say in reply as to whether, supposing some of these members find time to promote some research scheme, they will be aided by members of the Governing Body. I thought that my friend's question was that.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: No. I asked whether this body is going to find any funds of their own in addition to what the Government is able to give them.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I am sorry I misunderstood the question. This Council will depend upon its resources also in addition to what Government will finance in regard to particular schemes.