

STRIKE IN BHILAI STEEL PLANT

*371. **SHRI S. PANIGRAHI:** Will the Minister for IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a strike in the Bhilai Steel Plant by the workers of the Plant recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons of the strike and the steps taken to remove the difficulties, if any, of the workers?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF BETEL-NUTS BETWEEN STATES IN INDIA

197. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which import betel-nuts from other States in India;

(b) which are the importing States and which are the exporting States; and

(c) whether any licence is required for exporting and importing betel-nuts?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) The States that import betel-nuts from other States in India are as follows:—

Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad, Jammu and Kashmir, Mysore, PEPSU, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Travancore-Cochin, Andaman, Ajmer, Bhopal, Coorg, Delhi, Kutch, Manipur, Tripura, Vindhya Pradesh and Pondicherry.

(b) The States which export betel-nuts to other States in India are as follows:—

Bombay, Madras, West Bengal, Mysore, Travancore-Cochin and Coorg.

(c) No import or export licence is required for the movement of betel-nuts from one State to another in the Indian Union.

IRON SMELTING

198. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron smelting is the concern exclusively of the factory industries or any part of it has been set apart for the cottage industries; and

(b) to what extent the low grade iron-ores, as are not required for export, are being utilised by the large-scale iron and steel industries?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Mostly iron smelting is done only by large-scale factories. It is not economical to smelt iron-ore on a cottage industry basis.

(b) Low grade iron-ores are not generally being used by large-scale iron and steel industries.

LOANS GIVEN FOR BHAKRA NANGAL PROJECT

199. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan so far given towards the construction of the Bhakra-Nangal Project;

(b) whether any instalments are due on the loans given towards the project; if so, how many; and

(c) whether any of those instalments are paid; if not, what are the reasons for non-payment of the instalments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Rs. 1,24,57,70, 000.

(b) No instalment has become due for payment so far.

(c) Does not arise.

सिलाई की मशीनों की सुई बनाने का कारखाना

२००. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोई जर्मन फर्म सिलाई की मशीनों की सुइयाँ बनाने का कारखाना पंजाब में स्थापित करने जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो यह कारखाना कहाँ बन रहा है, उसका वार्षिक उत्पादन अनुमानतः कितना होगा और बाहर से आने वाले सुइयों के मुकाबिले में इस कारखाने में बनी सुइयों की कामत क्या होगी; और

(ग) इस समय लगभग कितनी सुइयाँ विदेशों से प्रतिवर्ष मंगाई जा रही हैं?

†[FACTORY FOR MAKING NEEDLES FOR SEWING MACHINES

200. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any German firm is going to set up a factory in Punjab for making needles for sewing machines;

(b) if so, what is the site of the factory, its approximate annual output, and the price of the needles made in the factory as compared to that of the imported ones; and

(c) what is the approximate quantity of sewing machine needles imported annually at present?]

वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री टी० टी० कृष्णमाचारी) : (क) सरकार को कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न ही नहीं होता।

(ग) सिलाई मशीन की सुइयों के आयात सम्बन्धी आकड़े अलग नहीं रखे जाते।

†[THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The import statistics relating to needles for sewing machines are not maintained separately.]

कम्प्रेसर बनाने के कारखाने की स्थापना

२०१. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को सूचना है कि स्वीडिश फर्म मेसर्स एटलस कारपोरेशन भारत में कम्प्रेसर बनाने का एक कारखाना स्थापित करने जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इस योजना का विवरण क्या है और इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हो चुकी है; और

(ग) क्या यह कम्पनी कुछ भारतीय विद्यार्थियों को इस काम में प्रशिक्षण पाने के लिए इंग्लैंड और स्वीडन भेजने का विचार रखती है?

†[SETTING UP OF A FACTORY FOR MANUFACTURE OF COMPRESSORS

201. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Swedish firm Messrs. Atlas Corporation, has a scheme to set up in India a factory for the manufacture of compressors;

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme and what progress has so far been made in this direction; and