

आये हुए माल में कोई खस फर्क होता है, यानी क्या यहाँ का माल कुछ कम दर्जे का होता है ?]

श्री नित्यानन्द कानूनगो : यहाँ जो माल बनता है वह बराबर का होता है लेकिन कुछ दूसरी किस्में भी हैं जो कि नहीं बनती हैं ।

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: What is the purpose for which this paper is being used?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: Mostly for packing.

SHRI P. C. MITRA: Where is the plant?

SHRI N. KANUNGO: At Travancore-Cochin.

CONSTRUCTION OF A ZINC SMELTER

"•443. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration by Government for the construction of a zinc smelter in India; and

(b) if so, where it will be situated?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) There is no concrete proposal as such before Government. In fact the quantity of zinc ore mined at present is approximately 250 tons a day and it is not sufficient for setting up a zinc smelter in India. It has been estimated that approximately a thousand tons of ore a day would be necessary in order to set up a zinc smelter on an economic basis.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: May I know, Sir, where the present production of zinc is sent for smelting purposes?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Only lead is sent to Bihar for smelting purposes.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: May I know, Sir, whether it is smelted in India?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Zinc is not smelted in India. The quantity of zinc ore mined at present is about 250 tons per day. There is no smelting plant here.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is it not true that zinc is actually sent abroad for smelting purposes?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: That is true. We are exporting it to foreign countries.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I want to know whether it is being sent abroad or not.

SHRI M. M. SHAH: It is being exported to some extent. But the intention is to set up a smelting plant in India, so that we may be able to manufacture at least one-third of the country's requirements.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: May I know, Sir, the places where zinc ore is mined?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: In Rajasthan, there are five places where it is mined. They are Zawar, Balra, Mochia Magra, Sunaria and Harn Magra.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Is there any proposal in the Second Five Year Plan for establishing a smelting plant?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: For the present, Sir, the mining capacity is 250 tons. The attempt of the Government is to raise it to 1,000 tons. And I am glad to inform the House that we hope to succeed in that respect very soon. If that is done, it will be possible to put up a smelting plant in the country.

POLICEMEN KILLED BY TRIBALS IN NEFA

•444. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of policemen wounded or killed in the raids made by the tribals of the North East Frontier Agency during the year 1954-55; and