

(a) the latest estimate made by Government with regard to the percentage between tax collection and the national income;

(b) whether Government are aware of any private institution having estimated the same; and

(c) if so, how Government's estimate compares with that of the private estimate?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) The latest estimate of national income is for the year 1960-61. Total tax collection by the Central, State and local Governments is estimated at 9.5 per cent of national income in that year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether any previous estimates of the percentage of taxation to the national income are available; if so, how do they compare with the present percentage?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: In 1959-60 the percentage was 10, previous to that it was 9.2 and still previous to that it was 9.7. So it has been at that level. Only in 1959-60 it was 10, not because the taxation level was low but because there has been a bigger spurt in the national income from Rs. 12940 crores to Rs. 14240 crores. The tax has gone up from 1285 crores to 1356 crores.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether it is proposed to study the subject thoroughly with a view to seeing whether our taxation increases according to the increase in our national income?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is very much kept in view. It is increasing with the increase in the national income. For example, at the beginning of the Third Plan....

Mr. Speaker: That was all that he wanted. It is increasing.

Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: May I know how this percentage compares with the percentage of taxation in our neighbouring countries?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: From that point of view, Sir, India is among the least taxed countries in the world. In Pakistan and Philippines, for example, the percentage is around 8 whereas in Burma the percentage is around 15.

Rourkela Steel Project

***1274. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken or are being taken to see that former mistakes of uncorrelated work, etc. are not repeated during the expansion work at Rourkela Steel Works; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the measures proposed to be adopted?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Experience gained during the construction of the million ton plant will be fully utilised during the expansion phase.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if the Solveen Committee or Mr. Wanchoo who came back from West Germany have recommended certain steps to be taken during the expansion period; if so, what are those recommendations that have been made and accepted by the Government?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The Solveen Committee was concerned with the existing plant, with the working of that plant to capacity.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: I wanted to know the recommendations of Mr. Wanchoo regarding the expansion of this steel plant.

Shri C. Subramaniam: This question has been considered with regard to the expansion of the Rourkela Plant, and we do not want to commit the mistakes which have been com-

mitted during the initial construction of the million-ton plant. That question has been considered and, apart from any recommendations from Mr. Wanchoo, we have taken certain decisions.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: My question was whether any recommendations have been made by Shri Wanchoo after he returned from West Germany.

Shri C. Subramaniam: Not with regard to the expansion programme at Rourkela.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 10 crores has been earmarked for the purpose of correcting the mistakes at Rourkela under advice of the Solveen Committee?

Shri C. Subramaniam: This question relates to the expansion programme.

श्री शं. बि० मेहरोत्रा : क्या माननीय मंत्री बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि रूरकेना प्लांट के एक्सपेंशन के बारे में जर्मनी की सरकार की तरफ से कोई अड़चन आ गयी है क्या ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Sir, I do not see any difficulty, but I do agree that I have recently seen some paper reports. But they are only paper reports.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether similar difficulties have been experienced in other steel plants; if not, what are the reasons why they have appeared here?

Mr. Speaker: Other steel plants are not concerned here.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that Mr. Solveen has pointed out in his report some glaring mistakes like faulty maintenance, inadequacy of technical staff as also diversion of attention from this plant to another plant considered as a prestige plant; if so, what steps Government have taken to explore or re-examine the causes leading to these defects pointed out by him?

Shri C. Subramaniam: As I have already pointed out, this question relates to the expansion programme of Rourkela. The Solveen Committee report was concerned with the existing plant and the defects therein. I am sure, the House will get an opportunity to take into consideration the Solveen Committee Report.

Shri Hem Barua: They are intimately connected. It is because of this report submitted by Mr. Solveen that West Germany is standing in the way of expansion of the Rourkela plant. Is it not so? Shri Wanchoo has pointed it out.

Shri C. Subramaniam: One thing is that we should work the existing plant to full capacity. It is for this purpose the Solveen Committee made certain recommendations. Because the full capacity has not been reached in the Rourkela plant, it is alleged in the paper reports, West Germany wanted to wait till that capacity is reached before the expansion programme is taken up. But the report as such has nothing to do with the expansion.

Shri Warrior: May I know whether the Solveen Committee has found out during the investigation that there were many mistakes in designing the machinery itself and that the blame for that should not be attached to West Germany?

Mr. Speaker: This question relates to the expansion programme. Shri Kumaran.

Shri M. K. Kumaran: My question has been covered.

Shri Warrior: I was only pointing out that in the expansion programme these mistakes should not occur.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: The question is about the former mistakes. May I know whether the fault was mostly on the managerial side and that resentment has been expressed by the West German Gov-

ernment that they have unnecessarily been belittled?

Shri C. Subramaniam: The question relates to "former mistakes of uncorrelated work". That is to say, there were so many firms concerned with the erection of the plant and we have found that there has not been sufficient correlation. It is with reference to this that the question has been put. In the expansion phase of this programme, we are trying to avoid those mistakes.

Shri Hem Barua: On a point of order. The question is very definite. It reads:

"whether any steps have been taken or are being taken to see that former mistakes of uncorrelated work etc. are not repeated during the expansion work at Rourkela Steel Works;"

It means that the expansion programme of this steel plant is correlated with the existing plant, where certain mistakes have been pointed out by Mr. Solveen. Those mistakes are to be examined so that the expansion programme might be undertaken. Therefore, when the Minister says that this question concerns only with the expansion programme and then tries to over-ride the recommendations or suggestions made by Mr. Solveen, I think there is a point of order involved in it.

Shri C. Subramaniam: The question was whether we are aware of the few mistakes which had been committed in the erection of the initial one million plant. I said "Yes, we are trying to eliminate those mistakes". The Solveen Committee Report is with reference to the defects which we have found in the Rourkela plant and how to remove those defects. I had stated that we would try to avoid those mistakes. Therefore, if you want to discuss the Solveen Committee Report, that report will have to be placed on the Table. I intend placing it before the House at the appropriate time so

that there will be time enough for the House to consider the various recommendations which have been made by that Committee.

Shri Hem Barua: Could we, through you, ask the Minister to place a copy of the Solveen Committee Report on the Table of the House?

Mr. Speaker: That is for him to do. I do not think there is any opportunity for me to call upon him to lay a copy of the Report on the Table of the House.

अहिन्दी भाषी राज्यों को हिन्दी की पुस्तकें

*१२७७. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को विचार विभिन्न अहिन्दी भाषी राज्यों को विभिन्न विषयों की हिन्दी की पुस्तकें देने का है

(ख) यदि हां. तो इस पर कितना खर्च होगा :

(ग) इन पुस्तकों में कितने व्यक्तियों को लाभ होने की आशा है ; और

(घ) अहिन्दी भाषी राज्यों में हिन्दी पुस्तकों के लिये कितना उत्साह दिखाई पड़ता है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० श्रीमाली) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) इस उद्देश्य के लिए १९६२-६३ के बजट में २ लाख रुपये की व्यवस्था की गई है ।

(ग) और (घ) : पुस्तकें अहिन्दी भाषी राज्यों/संघीय क्षेत्रों में स्कूल/कालेज और सार्वजनिक पुस्तकालयों को दी जाएंगी । ऐसा विचार है कि उपयुक्त रूप में चुनी गई हिन्दी पुस्तकों को मुफ्त में स्वरूप देने से इन क्षेत्रों में हिन्दी के प्रति रुचि उत्पन्न करने में पर्याप्त रूप से सहायता मिलेगी और इस प्रकार देश में हिन्दी के प्रचार के कार्य को प्रोत्साहन मिलेगा ।