

National Industrial Development Corporation

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*373. { **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**
Shri Punnoose:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether negotiations between the National Industrial Development Corporation and several foreign firms for their assistance in execution of

(a) major industrial projects have reached an advanced stage;

(b) if so, the names and number of such firms; and

(c) the names of industrial plants proposed to be covered by the scheme?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Preliminary technical investigations have been completed by the National Industrial Development Corporation in the case of a number of industrial projects listed in the statement placed on the Table of the House and some concrete offers have been received. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 1] However, as the House is aware, the individual implementation of these schemes is connected with the availability of foreign exchange for which purpose negotiations are in progress. Therefore, it is not possible at this stage to give a very detailed answer.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: I would like to know the location of those schemes which have already been accepted or decided upon.

Shri Manubhai Shah: I have given in the answer tentatively dye-stuffs, basic primary intermediates for drugs and dye-stuffs, newsprint, raw film, synthetic rubber and aluminium, and I may add tungsten carbide.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: I wanted to know the location of these.

Shri Manubhai Shah: For instance, newsprint is going to be in Shakarnagar, Hyderabad tentatively. For raw films, nine places have been surveyed and I cannot say finally where the location will be. Synthetic rubber is designed to be put up in Baradilly, U.P. For aluminium we have two schemes, one for Mettur and one for Rihand.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: The hon. Minister just now said some of the project reports have been received from the various countries about these heavy industries plants to be set up in the country. May I know the countries which have submitted the project reports and the amount of capital participation that they are going to undertake in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as capital participation is concerned, until the project is finalised, it will be too early to judge the quantum, but it is certain that we are taking up no scheme in which deferred payment, more or less on a pay-as-you-earn basis is not offered to us.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: There are some dollar countries with which negotiations are going on. May I know whether their project reports have been received by the NIDC and already considered, or whether some of the East European countries have also submitted project reports, and preference will be given to East European countries over dollar countries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We have no preferences. It is all judged on the merits of the case. As the hon. lady Member knows, the raw film project is being sponsored by an East German firm. Similarly, there are projects with an American tie-up, and there are projects with German, French, Swedish and British tie-ups also.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : एक विवरण समा पटल पर रखा गया है जिसमें कुछ उद्योगों का जिक्र किया गया है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन उद्योगों के

प्लांट्स जब लग जायेंगे तो उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता क्या होगी, विशेष न्यूक्लियर और रा. फिल्म्स की ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : जहां तक न्यूक्लियर का ताल्लुक है कोई ३०,००० टन साल या तकरीबन सौ टन रोज का, जिसका उत्पादन मूल्य कोई तीन करोड़ रुपया होगा, उत्पादन होगा। जहां तक रा फिल्म्स का ताल्लुक है कोई ४०० से ५०० मिलियन फीट, जिसकी उत्पादन कीमत कोई चार से पांच करोड़ रुपया होगी।

Shri Punnoose: The hon. Minister mentioned the areas where these industries are going to be established. May I know the main considerations on which the decision has been taken, and whether the industrial backwardness of areas has also been taken into consideration?

Shri Manubhai Shah: In location we go on mostly economic factors, but as I have assured the House several times, regional development also is an integral part of the Government of India's policy.

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Minister stated that an aluminium industrial plant is going to be located in Mettur. May I know at what stage of construction it is now?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The steps taken are that more or less all the French and the American experts have visited the site and we have sent out several samples of bauxite from the Sheveroy hills for further analysis, and we hope some decision will be taken at an early date on them.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : इन उद्योगों के स्थापित हो जाने के पश्चात् और जब ये पूरी तरह से काम करने लग जायेंगे उस वक्त क्या हमारी जो इन चीजों की आवश्यकतायें हैं वे पूरी होने लग जायेंगी, यदि नहीं तो कितने प्रतिशत तक की कमी रह जायेगी,

और उस कमी को पूरा करने के बारे में सरकार क्या सोच रही है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : सवाल यह है कि क्या हम चाहते हैं या नहीं कि हमारा देश सैल्फ सफिशेंट हो। हम चाहते हैं कि जितनी जल्दी हम सैल्फ सफिशेंट हो जायें उतना ही अच्छा होगा। लेकिन एक डेलेपिंग इकोनोमी में वह दिन कभी भी अच्छा नहीं गिना जाता जब हम बिल्कुल ही हर मामले में सैल्फ साफिशेंट हो जायें। इसका कारण यह है कि जैसे जैसे प्रोडक्शन बढ़ता जाता है, डिमांड भी बढ़ती जाती है। कोशिश हमारी हर वक्त यही रहेगी कि जितना कम आयात हो उतना ही अच्छा है।

Brass, Bell-metal and Conch-shell Industries

*375. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how much grant and loan has been sanctioned to the State of West Bengal during 1956-57 to help the brass and bell metal and conch-shell industries; and

(b) how much of the sanctioned amount is meant for the supply of raw materials?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) A Grant of Rs. 19,080/- was sanctioned to the Government of West Bengal during 1956-57 for the development of Brass and Bell-Metal Industry and for the establishment of Research Laboratory in West Bengal.

(b) No amount during 1956-57, but the State Government were permitted to utilize for this purpose the loans of Rs. 25,000/- and Rs. 30,000/- sanctioned in 1954-55 and 1955-56 respectively.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the conch-shell industry was not at all helped in West Bengal, and if so, whether it will be helped?