

towards new dealers who apply for quota, because we have heard that new dealers are finding a lot of difficulties in getting registration ?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : So far as the appointment of registered dealers is concerned, it is done on the recommendations of the State Governments. Now, because we have a larger amount of supply available, or would be available, if the State Governments feel that they should have a larger number of registered dealers and recommend names, the Iron and Steel Controller would be willing to appoint such people as are recommended by the State Governments.

Shri G. P. Sinha : In view of the fact that during the last year in respect of the control of steel distribution, there was black-marketing, will Government consider the appointment of new dealers in place of old dealers?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : I do not see how this is a matter of cause and effect. It is a matter entirely within the purview of the State Governments. The question of dealing with black-marketing is the responsibility of the State Governments.*The position remains more or less as I stated before.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether each State has been allotted any quota of stockholders ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : We are not giving quota to individual stockholders. We give a quota for each State. Within a State, if the State feel that they should have more stockholders, they can appoint them.

HEAVY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
FACTORY, BHOPAL

***2557. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether the lay-out for the building for the proposed Heavy Electrical Equipment Factory at Bhopal has been prepared ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey) : Not yet.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know by what time we could expect the lay-out to be completed ?

Shri R. G. Dubey : In terms of article 3 of the agreement with the consultants, it has been decided that they should supply the necessary information by 12th November 1956. After those data are received, necessary steps will be taken to finalise the lay-out.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether the agreement referred to by the Parliamentary Secretary also contains provisions as to when the construction will start and by what period the factory will go into full production ?

Shri R. G. Dubey : I think that information is available in the Library. I could not give details now. Immediately after the detailed project report is received, within a year, that is from 17th November 1955, necessary action in the matter of lay-out will be taken. Meanwhile, the consultants have visited the site and given indications about the requirements. Preliminary action is in progress.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : Simultaneously with the lay-out programme, have any estimates been finalised for this ?

Shri R. G. Dubey : I do not think so.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : It is in the air still?

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : The Minister of Production during his recent visit to Bhopal had stated that the plant would go into production in 1960. May I know on what basis he said so, when this is still in the stage of consultation ?

Shri R. G. Dubey : I think these matters are provided for in the agreement. I am sorry if the hon. Minister were here, he would have given better information about what he said.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस फैक्टरी को भोपाल में स्थापित करने से पहले देश के किन-किन स्थानों पर विचार किया गया था, और भोपाल में कौन से विशेष गुण थे जिनकी वजह से भोपाल को चुना गया ?

श्री आर० जी० दुबे : यह तो भ्रमण सवाल है। भ्रमण भ्रमण राज्यों में एक्सपर्ट्स (विशेषज्ञों) को भेजा गया था। और उन्होंने देखा था और काफी सीधे विचार के बाद सभी दृष्टियों से भोपाल को इस मूल्य के लिए उपयुक्त पाया गया।

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : In view of the fact that this is going to be a package deal, may we know whether Government are considering the necessity for finalising the estimates without which the prices will fluctuate to such an extent that the factory may not be constructed at all ?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : It is not a package deal. The factory is being set up by the Government and all the expenditure will be borne by the Government. The technical consultants' function is only to advise the Government. They will act as advisers in regard to the setting up of the factory and the equipment to be obtained, but the control and ownership will be entirely in the hands of the Government.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : My question was different.

Shri Natarajan : What is the production capacity of this factory, and what proportion does it bear to the present demand ?

Shri Satish Chandra : A copy of the agreement with the technical consultants is available in the Library in which some details are given.

DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS OF ORISSA STATE

*2558. **Shri K. C. Jena :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) the steps Government propose to take to check the persistent droughts in successive years in the State of Orissa particularly in coastal districts;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa have requested the Centre for more aid for making irrigation facilities available to the poor farmers of the drought-affected districts of the State; and

(c) if so, with what results ?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : (a) Medium and minor irrigation projects are proposed to be taken up by the State in addition to Hirakud Project, to counteract the effect of droughts. Salandi Irrigation Project which is estimated to cost Rs. 445 lakhs will benefit the area where agricultural economy is particularly poor. These projects are likely to benefit about 4.71 lakh acres.

(b) No, Sir..

(c) Does not arise.

श्री के० सी० जेना : मैं क्या जान सकता हूँ कि द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में वैतरणी नदी पर डैम बनने वाला है ?

श्री एस० एन० मिश्र : मैं इस खास बांध के बारे में अभी कोई सूचना नहीं दे सकता।

श्री के० सी० जेना : भ्रनावृष्टि के कारण बहुत से लोग भेकार हो गये हैं और किसी काम के लायक नहीं हैं। क्या उनको कोई धंधा देने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार, स्वतन्त्र रूप से या राज्य सरकार के सहयोग से, सोच रही है ?

श्री एस० एन० मिश्र : इस समस्या के बारे में राज्य सरकार जिन स्कीमों को चालू करना चाहती है अगर उनकी सूचना हम लोगों को दे तो हम लोग उस पर गौर करेंगे :

Shri N. B. Chowdhury : May I know whether in view of the drought conditions and scarcity conditions in those areas, in addition to the normal grants and loans as are made available in the case of other projects, Government would make a special contribution towards the development of irrigation projects ?

Shri S. N. Mishra : I could not get the full import of the question.