

(घ) इस मामले में सरकार का बिष्कार क्या कार्यवाही करने का है ?

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(क) पूर्व रेलवे के कुछ महत्वपूर्ण स्टेशनों पर, जिनमें झाम्पा स्टेशन भी शामिल है विश्राम/सतिथि गृहों की व्यवस्था है।

(ख) वर्तमान नियमों के अनुसार रेलवे के विश्राम गृहों में ठहरने का स्थान नियत प्रभार दिये जाते पर और रेलवे सरकारी अधिकारियों को (जिनमें राज्य सरकार के मन्त्री भी शामिल है) दिया जा सकता है जब वे दौरे पर हों। लेकिन और सरकारी अधिकारी, जिनमें समद मद्रम्य भी शामिल है यदि रेलवे के काम से दौरे पर न हों, तो उन्हें रेलवे के विश्रामगृह में ठहरने का स्थान नहीं दिया जा सकता।

(ग) पूर्व रेलवे के प्राधिकारियों को इस तरह का स्थान नियत करने के लिए उनसे कोई लिखित माग-पत्र नहीं मिला था। एक स्वागत समिति की ओर से किसी ने झाम्पा स्टेशन पर रेलवे के विश्रामगृह में घाने वाले समद मद्रम्यों और मन्त्रियों को ठहराने के सम्बन्ध में पूर्व रेलवे के प्राधिकारियों से बातचीत की थी। उन्होंने कोई लिखित माग-पत्र नहीं दिया, यद्यपि उनसे लिखित माग-पत्र देने के लिए कहा गया था। ऐसी परिस्थिति में पूर्व रेलवे के प्राधिकारियों द्वारा इस पर प्रायः कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई।

(घ) भाग (ख) और (ग) के उत्तर को देखते हुए सवाल नहीं उठता।

Joint Plant Committee

4201. Shri Sidheshwar Prasad: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 525 on the 26th May, 1967 and state:

(a) the amount collected by the Joint Plant Committee on the basis

of rupee one per ton from the main producers so far; and

(b) the items on which this amount has been spent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri F. C. Sethi): (a) Rs. 134 lakhs till 31st March, 1967

(b) Out of Rs 134 lakhs, Rs 69 lakhs were transferred to the Freight Equalisation Fund to meet the deficit and Rs 46 25 lakhs spent to meet the expenses of the J P C

Olavakkot Creosoting Plant

4202 Shri E. K. Nayamar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to close down the Olavakkot (Kerala State) Creosote Plant where one hundred and sixty workers are working;

(b) whether the Railways have reduced its work to fifty percent as a prelude to the closing of the whole establishment; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No There is no such proposal to close down the plant.

(b) Reduction in work is only temporary and is due to fall in supplies of sleepers below the quantities promised by Forest departments.

(c) Does not arise.

Employees of Rourkela Steel Plant

4203. Shri D. Amat: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in all cadres under the pay-roll of the Hindustan Steel Limited, Rourkela; and

(b) the number of local people out of them and their percentage to the total number of employees?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri F. C. Sethi): (a) There are at present 28,494 employees on the pay roll of the Rourkela Steel Plant, including the Fertilizer Plant and their captive mines.

(b) Statistics regarding employment of local people is not maintained.

Bharat Aluminium Company

4204. Shri A. Sreedharan:
Shri P. Visawambharan:
Shri Manglathumadom:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Aluminium Company has not gone into production so far, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to hasten the completion of the project?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been/ are being taken for the implementation of the Korba (M.P.) and Koyna (Maharashtra) Aluminium Projects, by the Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd., New Delhi —

(i) Detailed investigation of the bauxite deposits to provide ore for the proposed plants has been completed and negotiations are in progress with the State Governments concerned for the supply of necessary electric power for the plants.

(ii) The proposals received from the Bharat Aluminium Company for sanction of Korba project estimates up to the alumina stage and for approval of consultancy agreement with M's Chemokomplex of Hungary for the erection and start up of the alumina plant are under consideration of the Government. A contract for the preparation of a detailed project report for the Korba smelter and facilities for manufacture of aluminium semis is being entered into by the

Bharat Aluminium Company with M/s. Tjzhpromexport of USSR

(iii) So far as the Koyna project is concerned, the examination of Detailed Project Report prepared by the Consultants has been completed and the scheme together with the cost estimates is under the consideration of the Government.

Increase in Exports

4205. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase/decrease in exports over the previous years from 1957 to 1966 and the reasons therefor;

(b) the effects of devaluation on export earnings and foreign exchange position; and

(c) the names of the countries where our exports have increased after devaluation?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) A statement showing India's exports from the year 1956-57 to 1966-67 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-868/67]. The Statement shows an increase in exports from year to year attributed mainly to the various export promotional measures launched by Government from time to time (except in 1965-66 and 1966-67 when there has been a fall).

(b) The immediate effect of devaluation on exports was somewhat unsettling but (a closer look at the export situation reveals that) subsequently exports have started picking up steadily and the future seems hopeful. A statement is laid on the Table. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-868/67] showing the trend in exports after devaluation, which shows that during the quarter June-August, 1966, there was a drop in exports by 16.8 per cent compared to corresponding period in the previous year. During the next quarter (September—