

Zinc Smelter at Visakhapatnam

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Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an expert team from the Polish agency, M's. Centrozap, visited Visakhapatnam in January, 1969 in connection with the preparation of a project report for the Zinc Smelter to be erected there ;

(b) if so, the observations of the team and the result of their spot study ; and

(c) the broad details of the project indicating, production capacity to be installed, its cost and foreign exchange content and the requirements of the different raw materials for the plant and from where these would be obtained ?

THE MINISTER OF PETRO-CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (DR. TRIGUNA SEN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the context of the wide gap between demand of zinc metal and its indigenous availability, the setting up of a Zinc Smelter of 30,000 tonnes per annum capacity at Visakhapatnam, based on imported concentrates had been under consideration of the Government. However, due to constraint on resources, the project is not likely to be included in the Fourth Plan. As the detailed project report is not yet prepared, the details regarding the project costs, foreign exchange content etc, are not available.

Reorganisation of Coir Industry in Kerala

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Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have sent a comprehensive plan for the reorganisation of the Coir industry for the approval of the Central Government ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the major modifications to be brought about under the reorganisation scheme ;

(c) the amount of expenditure involved under the scheme and the amount of assistance required from the Central Government for its implementation ; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER, IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library See No. LT-11/68*]. Under the plan the entire expenditure is to be met by the Central Government.

(b) The plan is under detailed examination in consultation with the concerned authorities.