

14.52 hrs.

[उपाध्यक्ष महोदय पीठासीन हुए]

आज हम 1,300 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से देश में 6 मिलियन टन लोहा बना रहे हैं। बोकारों पर हमारा 1,100 करोड़ रुपया खर्च होगा और वहां पर 3 से 4 मिलियन टन तक उत्पादन होगा। इसका परिणाम यह होगा कि यद्यपि हमारा लोहा दुनिया में सब से ज्यादा महंगा है, लेकिन उस को और ज्यादा महंगा करना पड़ेगा। पहले लोहे का भाव 640 रुपये प्रति टन था। इन चन्द वर्षों में बढ़ते बढ़ते वह 1200 रुपये प्रति-टन तक पहुंच चुका है। बोकारो में लोहे के बनने के बाद उस के घाटे की पूर्ति के लिये पब्लिक सेंक्टर के लोहे की कीमत और बढ़ानी पड़ेगी। उस की कीमत 1500, 1600 रुपये प्रति-टन तक पहुंच जायेगी और तब एक्सपोर्ट सम्भव नहीं होगा। इस लिये मंत्रालय बोकारो के सम्बन्ध में जल्दी न कर के उस पर फिर से विचार करे और देखे कि इस सम्बन्ध में कहां तक दुस्तुती की जा सकती है, ताकि उस में हमारा इनवेस्टमेंट कम हो।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं इन मांगों का समर्थन करता हूं।

14.53 hrs.

RE: MESSRS. SYNTHETICS AND CHEMICALS

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur) : Sir, unfortunately you were not in the Chair in the afternoon when we met and we had to trouble Shri Gowd. You will remember, Sir, that you asked the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to accept a Short Notice Question regarding the controversy that is going on about the sole selling agency of Messrs. Synthetics and Chemicals being given to Khilachands. Because the meeting is taking place today at 4 p.m. and another meeting at 4 O'Clock tomorrow, I would request you, Sir, to move the Minister concerned to make a statement.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : If I remember correctly, when Shri Madhu Limaye, Shri N. K. Somani and others raised it on the floor of the House, I said that this is a serious matter because LIC has invested quite a big amount in this enterprise. Naturally, the House is concerned with it, in so far as it is a public investment. So, I supported the plea and, if I remember correctly, I said that it would be a good thing if the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs contacts the concerned Minister so that the Minister could give a statement, giving all facts. That is what I said that day. It shall find out just now what the position is and then I will say something about it.

14.55 hrs.

**DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—Contd.
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING
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SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA (Cuttack) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the report presented by the Ministry appears to be misleading and that designedly so. In this report the Ministry perhaps seeks to take pride in the fact that our exports of iron and steel are increasing. The names of various countries to which our exports are being made are also mentioned with pride. But look at the figures supplied by the Ministry and you will find that these exports are at the expense of the internal needs or demands of the country.

SHRI R. D. BHANDARE (Bombay Central) : On a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member has said that the report is misleading and designedly so. By this he is actually imputing motives.

SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA : I stand by it. I will prove it from the report.

SHRI R. D. BHANDARE : Sir, misleading is for the purpose of misleading the House. That is most objectionable.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : If the hon. Member making the statement is ready to substantiate it, how can you prevent him? It is his view after going through the report.

SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA : I am proving it.