

श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छवाय : बी० एम० एस० के प्रतिनिधि को क्यों नहीं लिया गया ?

श्री बालगोविन्द वर्मा : इस लिये कि वह रिकयनाइज्ड नहीं है ।

श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे क्षमा कीजिये—मुझे वर्मा जी के सम्बन्ध में कुछ नहीं कहना है, लेकिन इन के जो दूसरे भती हैं, वे पक्षप्राती है, जानमूझ कर डी० एम० एस० के प्रतिनिधि को नहीं लेना चाहते हैं, जब कि ऐसे कई लोगों को लिया है जिन को मान्यता प्राप्त नहीं है । इस लिये मेरा आरोप है कि जो संगठन सब प्रकार की मान्यता रखता है उस को इन्सोंने अभी तक नहीं बुलाया है, ऐसा क्या किया गया है ?

MR. SPEAKER: You want to put questions or want to make comments?

प्रो० सधु बण्डवते : बी० एम० एस० में मोडिफिकेशन कर के एच० एम० एस० को लिया है ।

श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं क्षमा चाहता हूँ—मुझे इस का उत्तर चाहिये । मैं काम नहीं चलने दूंगा ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अगर ऐसा हर मेम्बर करने लगे कि उत्तर अगर उस के मतलब का न हो तो वह काम नहीं चलने देगा—तो किस तरह से चलेगा ।

श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छवाय : वह मामला काफ़ी दिनों में चल रहा है .....

अध्यक्ष महोदय : हम काम नहीं करते, आप बोलते जाइये—मैंने आप को नहीं बुलाया है—फिर भी आप बोलते जा रहे हैं—

The hon. Member will not be recorded.

SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI: (\*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record. We will not carry on till this gentleman sits. I have called Mr. Sathe. He is now interrupting him. There is no question of the Minister's replying. I cannot compel him to reply as the hon. member likes. If he has got any grievance he can represent. But, he cannot hold up the whole proceedings of the House.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I cannot compel the Minister to answer in a particular way. He can write to the Minister or to me. Mr. Sathe.

#### Supply of Japanese Steel

\*448. SHRI VASANT SATHE:  
SHRI DHAMANKAR:

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

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Press on the 13th November, 1974 regarding stoppage of steel supply by Japan;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). It is not correct to say that Japan stopped supply of steel as reported in the Financial Express.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, I would like to know from Government whether it is a fact that in Japan itself, now due to rise in the cost of labour, the cost of steel production is going up. And there has been a proposal from Japan to set up a steel plant of sophisticated type in India. Has the Government any idea of considering such a proposal?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV):** Sir, this was a specific question regarding the stoppage of supply of steel by Japan. The hon. Member is now asking a new question as to whether Japan has proposed to establish a new steel mill in India of the sophisticated nature. There is no proposal like this at the present moment.

**SHRI VASANT SATHE:** But, if there is such a proposal, will you consider that?

**SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI:** Sir, May I know from the hon. Minister, what is the total quantity of steel that has been supplied by Japan to India?

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** Sir, this import differs from year to year. According to our requirements, a prior assessment is made; we make advance assessment. I can say for the information of the hon. Member that last year, for example, we placed orders with the Japanese and others and a quantity of 5,38,000 tonnes of steel got spilled over to this year.

**SHRI P. VENKATASUBHAIAH:** Sir, stepping up of steel production in the country is quite necessary in order to avoid imports of steel from Japan. Keeping that in view, may I know from the hon. Minister whether the proposed steel mills at Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram will be started soon, because there is an apprehension among the people of Andhra Pradesh that these steel plants will not see the light of the day?

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** Sir, I agree with the hon. Member that the steel production has to be stepped up in our country and we should meet indigenously the requirements of our country. All necessary steps have been taken and we are still almost about a million tonne short of steel, and therefore, we have to import

about half a million to one million tonne of steel. We are trying our best. So far as the existing steel mills are concerned, we are taking all necessary steps to increase the production of these mills. This year, production has appreciably risen in the earlier months. So far as the other southern steel mills are concerned, it is not correct to say that they will not see the light of the day. I would take this opportunity to remove this sort of apprehension from the minds of the people that these steel mills will not come into existence and that they will not see the light of the day. But, the fact is otherwise. I have asked very recently the consultant, to take necessary steps to prepare the detailed project reports and I am sure, before the end of this month or early next month, necessary steps will be taken for the preparation of DPRs. Therefore, I would like to say that the promises made by the Prime Minister will be fulfilled and steps will be taken to see that these steel mills come up and that there is no scope for this sort of confusion that these steel mills will not come up.

**SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH:** Is it true that Japan has stopped the supply of steel because of the disagreement between our country and Japan regarding the price of iron ore that was being supplied by us and our country has moved that the price of Indian iron ore should be in keeping with the international price whereas the price that is being paid by Japan is far below that? I would like to know whether this stoppage of supply of steel is due to this disagreement?

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** Sir, perhaps, the hon. Member did not listen to me properly. I made it very clear that Japan has not stopped the supply of steel to our country. Rather, the fact is otherwise. This year, the demand for steel is not as much as in the previous years. Therefore, we took the initiative. We had placed order with

Japan and we wanted that 87,000 tonnes of steel, which was to arrive in our country, should be deferred. Therefore, it is not correct to say that there is any disagreement. Our relations with Japanese exporters have been very good. Rather, they were good enough not to insist on supply and that part order was cancelled, though according to the contract, they could take certain steps but they did not take. But as far as the iron ore price is concerned, that is a different matter. We have been negotiating with our importers about the iron ore price time and again and there are no such strained relations between us and Japan on this question.

**SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH:** I had also asked whether the price of Indian ore being paid by Japan is far below the international price of ore

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** This question should be addressed to the Ministry of Commerce because this concerns them

**SHRI D N TIWARY:** How does the price of imported Japanese steel compare with that of indigenous steel?

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** Actually, there is no question of comparison of prices. We purchase those types of steel which we require and which we are not manufacturing in our country or are in short supply from Japan or any other country, for that matter, and we pay the international price

**SHRI CHAPALENDU BHATTACHARYYA:** Will the hon. Minister let us know the projections about the future import of steel from Japan? Have the figures been worked out? How much are you going to import in the coming year?

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** I gave the latest figure. In 1974-75, we placed an order for import of about 4,60,000 tonnes. For the next year, it is still being worked out. We work out in advance and then place orders.

**SHRI P R. SHENOY:** Is it a fact that on unit for the production of galvanised sheets in Rourkela is lying idle for want of steel?

**SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:** I require fresh notice.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The question hour is over.

श्री सुकम चन्द कल्याण अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। मनी महोदय ने सदन को गुमराह किया है। मेरे प्रश्न का उन्होंने उत्तर नहीं दिया। उन्होंने जानबूझ कर शलत जानकारी दी है (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय - वह आप मुझे लिख कर दीजिये।

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

##### Army Recruiting Centre in Kerala

\*434. **SHRI C K. CHANDRAPPA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to set up a recruiting centre at Kerala for army; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH).** (a) and (b). Two Army Recruiting Offices which cover Recruitment to Navy also are already functioning at Ernakulam and Calicut in Kerala State; they are considered adequate, for the present, for carrying out recruitment to the Army and the Navy from the State.

A new Recruitment Office for the Air Force is being set up shortly, in the State.