

countries where we want to celebrate the Silver Jubilee ?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : This is a suggestion which is taken note of.

SHRI PILOO MODY : I asked who were on the high-powered committee.

SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA : May I know from the hon. Minister whether there are any plans to raise an INA memorial at Singapore which was earlier removed by the British ?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : That is a different question altogether.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : I am happy that instructions have been issued to our foreign embassies. I would like to know whether any documentary has been produced to high light our national fight against the imperialist power.....

SHRI PILOO MODY : Ending with the Indo-Soviet Treaty.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : The Indo-Soviet Treaty and also celebration of the emergence of Bangla Desh.

I would like to know whether any film has been produced, any documentary has been produced, to show to the world how the Indians fought against the British power and how they are still fighting against American imperialism.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : I have already replied to this question. There is a proposal to produce a film which will be covering the entire Indian scene right from the Independence movement to this day.

SHRI R. S. PANDAY : This is a historic occasion to us—celebrating the Silver Jubilee of our Independence in the various countries of the world. May I know whether Government is contemplating to send cultural teams to important countries, including Members of Parliament like Shri Piloo Mody ?

MR. SPEAKER : Next Question.

Setting-up of more Mini Steel Plants in Private Sector.

*686. **SHRI NARENDRA SINGH :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to approve the setting up of more mini-steel plants in private sector ; and

(b) if so, the number of parties who have been granted letters of intent for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The question of approving further capacity for manufacture of steel ingots or billets from steel scrap in electric furnaces by conventional or continuous casting process, whether in the private or public sector, is being examined by Government in the background of the likely availability of such scrap.

(b) 19 letters of Intent/C O.B Licence/ Industrial Licences have been issued for such units since the pre-ent industrial licensing policy was announced in February 1970.

SHRI NARENDRA SINGH : May I know whether these plants will be able to meet the shortage of steel in the country ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The contribution which is likely to be made by these plants when they come into existence is only of a minor character. The major contribution must come from the integrated steel plants.

SHRI R. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI : May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal from the Government of Kerala to establish a steel Plant at Calicut and if so, what is the attitude of the Government of India in sanctioning such a proposal ?

MR. SPEAKER : How does that question arise ?

SHRI R. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI : The question is about mini steel plants.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The hon. Member must be aware that one of the licences granted for an Electric furnace continuous casting plant is to the Steel Complex Ltd. in which the Kerala State has a share.

But, so far as the establishment of an integrated steel plant is concerned, there is no proposal at present before the Government of India from the Government of Kerala.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA : Is it a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has also applied for a licence for setting up a mini steel plant at Kothagudem ?

MR. SPEAKER : Once you replied about Kerala, you must reply about Andhra also.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : Not to my knowledge. I am not aware of it, but, if the hon. Member wants to know, I can get the information.

SHRIMATI T. LAKSHMIKANTHAMMA : Sir, the question is about my constituency. Recently, the Mini Steel Plant Team visited Kothagudem to report on the feasibility of establishing a mini steel plant at Kothagudem and they have suggested the establishment of a mini steel plant in the public sector at Kothagudem. I would like to know as to when this will materialise.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The hon. Member is not correct in stating that the U. N. D. P. team's visit to Kothagudem has anything to do with the setting up of a plant there.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : With regard to the licences given for mini steel plants, we understand that most of them are given to the private sector compared to the public sector undertakings of the State Governments. I want to know from the Government why they prefer the private sector for giving these licences ?

SHRI PILOO MODY : Always.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : And also I want to know whether it is not a departure

from the Industrial Policy Resolution of the Government and also does the Government believe that socialism can be ushered in quicker by granting licences to private sector ?

SHRI PILOO MODY : Because it produces.

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : The hon. Member is entirely incorrect in insinuating.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : That is not insinuation.....

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : I state again—the hon. Member is entirely incorrect in insinuating that the private sector has been preferred to the public sector. On the contrary, six Letters of Intent have been given to State Government undertakings and no State Government undertaking has been refused a licence at all. Two licences have been given in the joint sector and only the rest have been given to the private sector.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : How many were given to the private sector ?.....
(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Piloo Mody, you are doing it too much.

SHRI PILOO MODY : The Minister first said that it is an insinuation. You heard the word 'insinuation'. The hon. Member on this side said that it is a fact. Then again he said that it is an insinuation. Is there to be no '*kulasa*' on all these things ?

SHRIMATI T. LAKSHMIKANTHAMMA : You are allowing Mr. Piloo Mody to make virtually a running commentary.

MR. SPEAKER : Don't get involved with them.

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