

Division Bench and when is it going to be set up there?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN: So far as the policy of the Government is concerned, I have already said that the Government has not yet formulated a policy, namely, what should be the policy in regard to the consideration of the demands for the establishment of Benches of High Courts in different places. Now that one of the cases has become ripe, namely, the demand in respect of Aurangabad and Poona and the views of the High Court are also available, the Government will have to consider the matter and frame a policy and consider other demands with a reference to the policy which it might lay down. But so far as the case of Goa Bench is concerned, that stands on an entirely different footing because Goa has had its own highest court, namely, the Court of Judicial commissioner, for a long time. It is not as if at a new place, a Bench of the High Court would be established. The question is merely of upgrading a Judicial Commissioner's Court into a High Court and, therefore, a decision has been taken that a Bench of the Bombay High Court may be established in Goa. But so far as the precise timing is concerned, it will depend upon various administrative considerations and so on. But I hope that it will not take too long.

Construction of offices and Residential Quarters near Radio Station at Cuddapah

*398 **SHRI K. OBUL REDDY:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether offices and residential quarters for the staff are proposed to be constructed near the Radio Station at Cuddapah at the time of its upgradation into a full-fledged Radio Station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): There is a scheme to upgrade the auxiliary centre at Cuddapah into a full-fledged Radio Station by setting up permanent studios

during the Sixth Plan. Construction of office accommodation forms part of this scheme, but due to constraint on resources, construction of staff quarters has not been included in the scheme.

SHRI K. OBUL REDDY: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Radio station will be upgraded by the end of this year into a full-fledged one? And pending upgradation of the Radio station, will the Government post a Station Superintendent to conduct regular programmes?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: At present, Cuddapah is only an auxiliary centre. There is no permanent studio there. It has been decided that in the Sixth Plan we will have a full-fledged studio constructed there and also office establishment. But it has not been possible to provide for staff quarters. It is not possible to say that they would be constructed this year but during the Sixth Plan, this is one of the schemes and it will be implemented.

SHRI K. OBUL REDDY: As the Radio Station is far away from Cuddapah town and as there is no proper residential accommodation in the town, will the Minister consider construction of staff quarters which are essential as constant attention of the staff is necessary when the radio station becomes a full-fledged one? Will he provide necessary funds for the construction of staff quarters?

MR. SPEAKER: He has already answered that question.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: I am fully conscious of the need for residential accommodation for my employees, but it is the constraint of resources that handicaps me. I may mention that for the Sixth Plan we have proposed an outlay of nearly Rs. 5 crores—Rs. 4.6 crores to be exact—but the amount that was possible for us to get was

hardly Rs. 2 crores. This is to be disbursed.

इस्पात संयंत्रों के लिए पश्चिम जर्मनी को साव्य करार

* 400. श्री बिजय कुमार मलहोत्रा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में बड़े इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए पश्चिम जर्मनी द्वारा कितनी वित्तीय तथा तकनीकी सहायता की पेशकश की गयी है ;

(ख) दोनों देशों के बीच उक्त संबंध में करार कब तक हो जाने की सम्भावना है ;

(ग) उन संयंत्रों को कहाँ स्थापित किये जाने की सम्भावना है ; और

(घ) क्या इन संयंत्रों की स्थापना से भारत इस्पात की कमी की समस्या को हल हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) to d). With a view to increasing steel production in the country, Government have been exploring the possibilities of obtaining technical and financial cooperation from various countries for setting up shore-based steel plants. In this connection, a West German team has given some preliminary proposals which are under examination. Further discussions with the team on various aspects of the proposal like financial and technical arrangement, location, size of plant, time schedule etc. are likely to be held shortly. A clear picture will emerge only after that.

श्री बिजय कुमार मलहोत्रा : प्रधक्ष महोदय, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि स्टील की जो कमी इस समय देश में है और जिसके कारण जितना कंस्ट्रक्शन का काम है उसमें काफ़ी बकायट आ रही है, और प्लान बक्स जिस तरह से धाते लिये गये हैं उसके लिये भी जितनी स्टील की जरूरत पड़ेगी, क्या स्टील की सारी कमी उससे पूरी हो सकती है ? अगर नहीं, तो क्या कदम धाप उठा रहे हैं जिससे यह सारी कमी पूरी हो जाये ?

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: Sir, there is an acute shortage of steel in the country and the shortage, if I may inform the House, will increase. Unfortunately the steel plant cannot be constructed in a day, it takes 5 to 6 years after the investment decisions

are taken. During the last 7 or 8 years no investment decision was taken to start the construction of a steel plant in this country. Therefore, while the shortages are there, the capacity in the country does not exist. Therefore...

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: ... why shortages are there in the country?

MR. SPEAKER: We are not speaking of short men.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: There is no shortage of short men in this country, but there is shortage of steel. Therefore, the Government are negotiating with various countries, with USSR, West Germany, U. K., France and Japan, to find out ways and means of establishing steel plants. Our resources have to be diverted to other vital sectors. This is also a vital sector, I agree.

MR. SPEAKER: But a share in the vital sector.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: But we have to share the priorities. At the moment we are doing our best to import as much as possible to meet the shortages. But this cannot be a means to meet India's shortages. We have to put up our own steel plants and by and by I am sure this House will accept my proposals in any manner I want to bring to increase the productivity in this country.

श्री बिजय कुमार मलहोत्रा : प्रधक्ष महोदय, मैं ने जो प्रश्न किया था छठी योजना के अन्तर्गत जितनी स्टील चाहिये उतनी स्टील का इंतजाम अगर नहीं है तो छठी योजना में यह परिवर्तन करने आ रहे हैं, क्योंकि छठी प्लान में जितनी स्टील चाहिये उतनी न मिलने के कारण सारी की सारी स्कीम रह जायेगी और रुपया सैफ हो जायेगा। तो स्टील की कमी की बजह से छठी प्लान ऐंकेन्टेड न हो उसके लिये धाप क्या गारन्टी कर सकते हैं कि जो जो रिक्वायर्समेंट्स होगी उसको बाह्य इम्पोर्ट से या किसी तरह से स्टील ला कर पूरा करेंगे ? और इस समय जो स्टील में ब्लैक हो रहा है उसको रोकने के लिये धाप क्या कदम उठा रहे हैं ?

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: The hon. Member has raised valid questions for which the answer is the same. Unless