

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, but this is confined only to regulations pertaining to parking.

(b) The matter is receiving attention.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: May I know, Sir, if the Ministry of External Affairs sent out a circular to all the diplomatic missions in Delhi asking them to take special care of the rules of traffic in the town, and, if so, have the complaints of traffic violations in Delhi decreased after this circular letter or have they increased?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Yes, Sir, the Ministry of External Affairs drew the attention of foreign missions in Delhi to this matter. I cannot say offhand if the violations have increased or decreased.

SHRI C. D. PANDE: May I know whether this withdrawal of diplomatic immunity was only in respect of India, or was it in respect of all other missions in the States?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: It is not any withdrawal of diplomatic immunity. It is with respect to some parkings. Apparently there have been parking violations, violations of the U.S.A. parking laws. It is in respect of parking laws.

SHRI G. RAMACHANDRAN: Is there any information as to why this particular step was taken at this time in Washington?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: As I have mentioned, they must have come up against a lot of parking violations.

मध्य प्रदेश में प्रतिरक्षा उत्पादन एकक

*८. पंडित भवानी प्रसाद तिवारी : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या प्रतिरक्षा उत्पादन का कोई एकक मध्य प्रदेश में भी खोला जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह एकक कब तक तथा कहाँ खोलने का विचार है ।

†[DEFENCE PRODUCTION UNIT IN MADHYA PRADESH

*8. PT. BHAWANIPRASAD TIWARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any unit of defence production is being established in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when and at which place the unit is proposed to be established?]

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) A proposal for the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of 3 Ton and 1 Ton vehicles is under consideration. A final decision on the site has not been taken.

‡[प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में प्रतिरक्षा उत्पादन मंत्री (श्री के. रघुसैया) : (क) तथा (ख) तीन टन तथा एक टन गाड़ियों के निर्माण के लिये, एक कारखाने की स्थापना का सुझाव विचाराधीन है । इसके लिए स्थान के बारे में, अन्तिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया ।]

पंडित भवानी प्रसाद तिवारी : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो जमीन लेने की बात सोची जा रही है, क्या वह सागर के करीब है ?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: The whole scheme is under examination. Therefore, the necessity for such an establishment is under consideration, and also naturally the question of what site should be chosen would be more fully gone into after it is accepted in principle that we should go ahead with this factory.

†[] English translation.

‡[] Hindi translation.

पंडित भवानी प्रसाद तिवारी : क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि जिस जमीन को हस्तगत करने की कोशिश की जा रही है उसके सम्बन्ध में वहाँ के लोगों के ऐतराज आये हैं ?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: So far as this vehicle factory is concerned, we have not moved in the matter of acquiring land.

पंडित भवानी प्रसाद तिवारी : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी कृपा करके यह आश्वासन देंगे कि जमीन को लेते समय इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायेगा कि जो कृषि योग्य भूमि है वह नहीं ली जायेगी ?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: Sir, it is premature now to say anything of the kind, because we do not know where the factory will be set up, whether the factory is going to be put up at all, and so all this will be considered only later.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know since when this question has been under consideration and when the final step is going to be taken in this respect?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: This is under consideration for quite some time.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Date?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: For quite some time, I cannot say offhand the date, but it is quite some time. It is not as if vehicle production is not going on. Vehicle production is going on. But the idea is to have a single factory located at one place where all these can be manufactured with a view to effecting economy as well as expansion. There are some implications of foreign exchange also and various Ministries are concerned with it and this matter is being pursued very actively.

SHRI A. D. MANI: What is the estimated capital investment for this factory if the proposal comes through?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: It would be premature even to say that, because what should be spent on it, whether there should be such a factory, what quantum of production there should be, all these aspects are being examined and so it would be premature to say anything now.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know if any assessment of the potential of the different factories in Madhya Pradesh for producing defence equipment has been made and, if so, what is the assessment?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: There was some time back a similar question asked and I think that was answered. In pursuance of an invitation of the Industries Minister of Madhya Pradesh I went there and subsequently the Director of Industries there was put in touch with the Director-General of Ordnance factories and some assessment was made and officers are looking into the matter to see in what way any capacity there can be utilised.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरड़िया : अभी तक के निर्णय के अनुसार कोई फैक्टरी खोला जाना तय है, तो श्रीमान् यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि विभाग के पास कौन कौन से साइट के प्रपोजल्स आये हैं और क्या उसमें गांधी सागर का प्रपोजल भी आया है जहाँ पर बिल्डिंग्स, पानी और बिजली मौजूद है ?

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH: First of all we have to decide about the establishing of the factory. Then comes the question of the selection of the site and then all the considerations that go into the question of the selection of the site.

*9. [The questioner (Shri Mahabir Dass) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 46-48 infra.]