

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): The Factory at Hyderabad, being established with assistance from the Government of U.S.S.R. under the terms of the Agreement with them will manufacture Radio and Radar equipment required for the MIG aircraft. It is not in public interest to give further details of the project report.]

UTILISATION OF ENGINEERING WORKS IN
MADHYA PRADESH FOR DEFENCE
SUPPLIES

133. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the progress so far made towards utilisation of the various engineering works in Madhya Pradesh and particularly in Gwalior for defence supplies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

A technical expert from the Ordnance Factories was deputed in October 1963, to assess the potentiality of the Gwalior Engineering Works, Madhya Pradesh, for the manufacture of armament components required for Defence purposes. Subsequently, in January 1964, the Minister of Defence Production accompanied by a technical officer of DGOF paid a visit to Gwalior to obtain a first-hand picture of the industrial potential in Madhya Pradesh for utilisation in manufacturing items of Defence requirements in that area. The industrial representatives were generally keen to undertake small or large orders for items of Defence requirements, but they did not have enough information about the kind of items required so that they could determine how best their

† [] English translation.

available resources could be utilised, by conversion where required, towards manufacture of such items. It was therefore suggested that the Director of Industries, Madhya Pradesh, should pay a visit to Calcutta accompanied by a few selected representatives of the Gwalior firms and discuss the various issues involved with the Director General Ordnance Factories, Calcutta in order to examine the possibility of manufacturing items for Defence. The Director of Industries has not so far been able to do so. However on 20th April 1964, the General Manager of Gwalior Engineering Works discussed with the technical officers of the Director General Ordnance Factories, the nature of machine capacity which was available with their Works and it was agreed that the representative of the Works would meet the General Manager, Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur to find out which of the items required by Defence could be undertaken for manufacture at the Gwalior Engineering Works. Meanwhile, on the basis of the list of plant and machinery received from the representative of the Gwalior Engineering Works, enquiries will be made by the Directorate General of Ordnance Factories as and when demands arise for vehicle components which the Gwalior Engineering Works might be able to produce.

EXPENDITURE ON REGIONAL HOSPITAL AT
RAMAGUNDAM

134. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount so far spent for the Regional Hospital at Ramagundam;

(b) whether orders have since been placed for the supply of equipments; and

(c) if not, when the equipments will be indented for?