

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 7th May 1956

The House met at eleven of the clock. MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Satyendraprosad Ray (West Bengal)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*129. [For answer, vide cols. 1381-34 infra.]

COMMITTEE ON MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY

*130. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the Committee appointed for the development of machine tool industry in India is expected to submit its recommendations; and

(b) whether any American expert has recently been appointed to advise and help development of the machine tool industry in India?

THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. M. SHAH):

(a) By the end of July this year.

(b) Yes, Sir.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know the name of the person who has been appointed for this purpose and the terms on which he has been appointed?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Mr. Elliott has been appointed by the T.C.M. and is to receive a pay of Rs. 5,925 per month for a period of six months.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know the present position of the machine tool production in the country?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: In 1954, the production was worth Rs. 55 lakhs; during the last year, it was worth Rs. 78 lakhs.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: I understand from the Report that there was a survey made on this point. What does the survey reveal?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: According to the preliminary survey undertaken by the Government of India, about 64,000 machines and machine tools are being manufactured in the private sector.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Is there any proposal for expanding this industry?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: Yes, Sir. That is exactly the purpose for which a Committee has been appointed whose report we are expecting in July.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Where is this factory for producing machine tools going to be established?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: There is not going to be a single factory; there are going to be a number of factories established because the machines are different in nature. They are all being coded and the Committee will report as to how to locate, where to locate and how many are to be located.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether this gentleman is going to review the working of the Hindustan Machine Tool Factory and give suggestions?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: That, Sir, is not his assignment.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the distribution, Statewise, of the factories for the production of machine tools?

SHRI M. M. SHAH: I would require notice. I can only say that there are seventeen graded machine tool manufacturers of which five are quite good, up to the standard. This industry