

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

requires a great lot of expansion in order to meet the needs of the country.

*131 and *132. [For answers, vide cols. 1384-88 infra.]

*133. [The questioner (Shri Ratanlal Kishorilal Malviya) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1395 infra.]

TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR HEAVY ELECTRICAL PLANT

*134. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state the steps so far taken by the Technical Consultants for the training of the personnel for the proposed Heavy Electrical Equipment Factory?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): A team of experts deputed by the Consultants visited various technological institutions and industrial establishments in the country to study the existing facilities for the training of technical personnel required for the factory.

They are expected to submit a detailed scheme before November 1956 for the establishment of a suitable training centre, specifying the number of trainees in different categories and the type of training to be imparted.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: How many centres has this team visited so far?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Quite a large number, Sir. I have a list here which runs to over two or three pages—quite a number of centres, Calcutta, Chittaranjan, Tata Iron & Steel Co., Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Jamalpur, Banaras, Nagpur, Bilaspur, Raipur, Vizagapatam, etc.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the team is the same which was appointed to locate the factory?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: No, Sir. The team belongs to the same company but the persons are different; they are Messrs. Adams and Bateman,

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know when this team is going to submit its report?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I have already indicated, Sir, that the scheme for training will be available to us by about November 1956.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether it is not a fact that facilities for higher training in the heavy electrical industry are very meagre in India?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: As that is the fact, we have gone for this project. An integral part of this project is the training of personnel.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know what facilities are now available for giving this training here in heavy electrical industry?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I do not know what exactly the hon. Member has in mind. We have various training institutions in our country—both colleges and training institutes—and it is possible that we may be able to train some people required for this purpose in the existing institutions. It will, doubtless, become necessary to train some more people, apart from those who can be trained in the existing institutions, as part of the training scheme.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know the names of the centres, if any, decided to be established?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: It is premature, Sir, to say anything definitely now. We are awaiting the report of the Consultants. We have to take the decision only after we receive the report.

DEMARCATON OF INDO-PAKISTANI BOUNDARY

*135. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that officers of the Survey Department of Pakistan were recently invited to discuss with