

I know, Sir, whether the suggestion of the names of six members by the Commissioner when it was read out by the Chairman was made *ultra vires* of Article 1 of the rules for elections?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: No, Sir.

#### IRON ORE FOR ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

\*636. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for IRON AND STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places from where iron ore will be extracted to meet the requirements of the Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) what is the estimated reserve of iron <sup>ore</sup> in those places; and

(c) how long this reserve will suffice to feed the Plant?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) The requirements of the Plant are proposed to be met from the iron ore deposits occurring in the Bonai district of Orissa.

(b) and (c). The total reserves of iron ore (Fe content over 60 per cent.) in Bonai are estimated at 648 million tons. These will be capable of feeding the Plant for three centuries.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, how far the iron ore deposits are situated from the Plant?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: A railway line, I am told which will be about 60 miles from the iron ore Plant, is being laid. As a crow flies it is nearer.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Sir, is it not a fact that the iron deposits of Taldih are not far off from the place?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: This Taldih is not far away, this is also very near.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, how many tons of ore are required to prepare one ton of steel?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: One million tons of ingot steel requires about 1.8 million tons of ore.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: May I know, Sir, on what basis the hon. Minister has calculated three centuries?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is merely an anticipation.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: May I know, Sir, if any part of the mine was exploited?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: We have explored some parts of the mine.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA: May I know, Sir, when do the Government expect to start mining operations and whether the Government is also contemplating to export the iron ore that will be taken out from these mines?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: Some work will have to start early next year. It is being explored. If a railway line is laid we might think about export.

#### DELAYS IN CONSTRUCTION AND DELIVERY OF SHIPS BY HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD

\*637. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any unusual delays in the schedule of construction and delivery of ships by the Hindustan Shipyards during the year 1955 so far;

(b) if so, in case of which ships such delays were caused and what was the extent of these delays;

(c) what were the causes for the same; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that there is no repetition of the same in future?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA):** (a) and (b). Scindias' first cargo vessel of modern MAIERFORM design which was promised to be delivered in December 1954 has been completed and delivered in June 1955. Three other ships scheduled to be delivered in January, April and August 1955 are expected to be delivered in November 1955, April 1956 and August 1956 respectively. The delays in construction and delivery of ships, therefore, vary from six months to one year.

(c) and (d). A comprehensive statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix X, Annexure No. 124.]

**DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:** May I know, Sir, what steps are being taken to increase the machine tool capacity of the Shipyard?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** Sir, the long statement of eight pages, which I have placed on the Table of the House will clarify the position. A development plan costing Rs. 1,96,00,000 is in hand, and the workshop is being re-equipped. More berths and other facilities are being provided in the dockyard. I cannot give any break-up of these.

**SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Sir, may I know, whether any target was fixed for the first Five Year Plan?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** The target fixed for shipbuilding in the Plan was one lakh tons. The Shipyard, as the hon. Member knows, was taken over by the Government sponsored company in the middle of the Plan. About 50 thousand tons will have been constructed during the first Five Year Plan period.

**SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Is that target going to be reached within the first Five Year Plan period?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** No, Sir,

**SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVAR-GIYA:** May I know, Sir, how many new berths are proposed to be constructed at Visakhapatnam?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** Sir, an additional prefabrication bay is being constructed there. A jetty is also being constructed. One or two additional berths have already been constructed.

**SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVAR-GIYA:** Any new ones?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** I cannot give details at the present moment.

**SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA:** Are the Government aware that the customers will be put to a great loss on account of this delay in the supply of ships? And if so, have the Government estimated the amount of loss caused to those customers?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** Sir, as I submitted, the eight-page statement is there. If my hon. friend will read it, he will find all this information. There have been delays, but still the ships will be delivered to the shipping companies much earlier than the period in which they could get them from any foreign country. The realization of instalments that had to be paid by them during the stages of construction have been postponed. Not only are they not required to pay further instalments, the instalment of Rs. 48 lakhs received from Scindias is being returned to them. The companies have been provided sufficient relief in the form of refund of the instalment or postponement of the realization of further instalments till the ships are actually delivered to them.

**SHRI B. C. GHOSE:** May I know, Sir, as to when the development schemes which are mentioned in the statement will be completed, what will be the capacity when the development schemes have been completed, and how

long will the French experts continue to stay?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** The scheme, Sir, is likely to be completed by the end of the next year. After the completion of the scheme the capacity of the Shipyard will be doubled. It is at present three ships of the old type or two modern diesel ships which are now being constructed. It will be either six steam ships or four diesel ships after the completion of this scheme.

**SHRI B. C. GHOSE:** How long will the French experts continue to stay?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** About a year and a half more for them to stay.

**DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:** May I know, Sir, as to how the selection of French consultants was made, because they are not necessarily the best in the world?

**SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:** Sir, I must confess my ignorance about the past history of their selection. I think technical consultants in many countries were approached, and the selection was made after taking into account the willingness of the parties to help and also the assessment of their capacity.

#### MANUFACTURERS OF CARS AND TRUCKS

\*638. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the licensed cars and trucks manufacturers in India;

(b) where are they manufacturing; and

(c) which of them assemble cars and trucks?

**THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI):** (a), (b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

Name of the manufacturer and of the place where the factory is situated	Type of vehicle
M/s. Hindustan Motors Ltd., Calcutta—Uttarpara, West Bengal.	Cars and trucks
M/s. Premier Automobiles Ltd., Bombay—Bhandup, Bombay.	Cars and trucks
M/s. Standard Motor Products of India Ltd., Madras—Vandalur, Madras.	Cars
M/s. Ashok Leyland Ltd., Madras—Ennore, Madras.	Trucks
M/s. Tata Locomotive and Engineering Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur—Jamshedpur.	Trucks
M/s. Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., Bombay—Bombay.	Jeeps

**SHRI M. VALIULLA:** May I know the capacity of these manufacturing firms? How much did they produce last year?

**SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI:** Sir, the last year's production was somewhere about 14,000.

**SHRI M. VALIULLA:** May I know whether the cost of production is such as would meet the world competition in any foreign market?

**SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI:** Decidedly not.

**SHRI M. VALIULLA:** May I know whether there is any proposal to send them to Burma, Ceylon or any other place—some of the trucks or cars?

**SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI:** Well, if they are cheap, people will buy them. Apparently, they are now costly.

**SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Is there any proposal to export these articles to some countries?