

will be drawn from the different universities; or is it proposed to have the selection of the students made by the Government itself?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: Sir, usually the selection is made with the co-operation of the Education Ministry. In any case, the question is not difficult this year, because the maximum number fixed is two students a year.

SHRI PRASADARAO: Is there any proposal to invite engineers for help in flood control?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The reply has made it clear that only students will be sent, and not technicians.

SHIPS COMPLETED BY HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD LTD.

*191. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state the cost of construction of the ships which have so far been constructed by the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., after taking over the Shipyard, completed five ships at an approximate total cost of Rs. 3.79 crores.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: May I know, Sir, if all these five ships were completely constructed by the Hindustan Shipyard, or parts of them were completed by Scindias?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Regarding three of those five ships, the work had begun when Scindias were managing the concern. They were completed by the new company. Regarding the other two ships, they were begun and completed by the new company.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: What was the cost of production of the ships constructed by the Scindias and what is the cost of production of ships con-

structed by the Hindustan Shipyard concern?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: The cost of construction of the ships started when the Scindias were managing the company was as follows:

	s.
Jagaran ...	70.81,556
Jalpratap ...	68,06,700
Jalpushpa ...	68,08,477
Bharat Ratna ..	87,33,781
Jalputra ...	83,56,092

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Is Bharat Ratna completely constructed and its charge handed over to the purchasers?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I should think so, Sir, but I would require notice to answer that question. I think it has been handed over.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Just now the hon. Minister said that Bharat Ratna has been completed. May I know whether this ship is still under construction?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I was at Visakhapatnam some time in June, and I saw the ship sail away to Calcutta.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: May I know whether the construction is completed and the charge handed over to the purchasers or not?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Regarding the last part of the question whether its charge has been handed over to the purchasers, I would require notice.

TRAINING OF INDIAN PERSONNEL IN SHIP-BUILDING

*192. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state whether any technical personnel have so far been selected by the Hindustan Ship Building concern for the purpose of training in ship-building in foreign countries; if so, how many?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): Eight officers who have been selected for higher training in ship-building are at present undergoing training at the Visakhapatnam Shipyard prior to their training at French Shipyard in accordance with the Agreement between the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, and the French firm (La Societe Anonyme des ATELIERS ET CHANTIERS de la LOIRE). Information regarding the trainees who have already undergone training at the French Shipyard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in due course. One officer was sent to the Netherlands for training with an United Nations Economic Development Fellowship.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: May I know whether all these eight officers are from the existing staff or recruited recently for this purpose?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Only one of them is from the existing staff, and the other seven officers were recruited from other sources.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: May I know whether there are any equally qualified people now working in the Hindustan Shipyard?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There may be so many.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Then, may I know, Sir, why new people have been selected and sent to the foreign countries for training in ship-building?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Because of necessity.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, we want more technicians.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I know why only one man out of so many people who are already working as technicians there has been sent to a foreign country for training?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: It is a matter of opinion. The management goes into all these aspects. They have found it desirable to recruit only one officer who is already working in the Shipyard and they have found it necessary to recruit seven other people from other sources.

INDUSTRIALISTS' MEETING ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

***193. SHRI NARAYANDAS DAGA:** Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrialists' informal meeting held recently in Bombay in connection with the setting up of an Industrial Development Corporation, was called by the Government of India;

(b) if so, who were the invitees;

(c) whether invitations were issued only to the industrialists from Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what were the reasons for not inviting industrialists from other important industrial centres in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Andhra, Hyderabad, Mysore and Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of the invitees is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The invitations were issued to the people in their individual capacity and not in consideration of the State or city they belong to.

(d) Does not arise.

List of the people invited to the meeting held in Bombay on 6th August 1954 in connection with the Industrial Development Corporation.

(i) Shri J. R. D. Tata.

(ii) Shri G. D. Birla.

(iii) Shri Sri Ram.

(iv) Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai.