

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: It is not a question of Great Britain knowing our secrets. It is a question of some States keeping their own secrets about their armament matters.

EXPENDITURE ON MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

*598. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of expenditure incurred on the import of machinery and equipment and of technical services for the department during the year 1952;

(b) what amount is outstanding for payments on account of these items for the year 1952; and

(c) the extent of commitments of expenditure on items referred to in part (a) in the year 1952-1953?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) to (c). A statement giving available information in regard to parts (a) and (b) of the question is laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 191.] Information in regard to part (c) of the question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Council when received.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, from which country this machinery is imported?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Sir, our supplies come generally from U.K. and the U.S.A.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether machinery and spare parts relating to items 1 and 2 are not manufactured in India, for example, in the National Instruments Factory at Calcutta?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Sir, if any parts are manufactured here and they are found to be of the requisite standard, they will certainly get preference and we will get them from our own factory.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Am I to take it, Sir, that spare parts and machinery relating to items 1 and 2 are not manufactured in India?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: With regard to these specific instruments, I am afraid, I cannot give any answer just now, I shall require notice.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Are Government still to receive any machinery in relation to orders placed, pending execution at the other end?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am not sure but I presume some parts are still to come. As the amounts outstanding for payment show with regard to items 3 and 4, it seems that there are some parts that may still have to be received.

PROF. G. RANGA: What steps do Government take to ensure that parts and machinery of the standard type are not available in this country before they place their orders abroad?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: These are more or less standard instruments and machinery and if they are manufactured in India, it should not be a secret; it will not be difficult for us to know.

PROF. G. RANGA: Have you got any machinery with which it would be possible for you to be regularly making enquiries and getting information in order to enable you to decide?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The Ministry of Production is there and they will be advising us from time to time.