

Grow More Food Campaign was being pursued by this Government ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : We did not send many.

SHRI B. RATH : How many mechanical engineers were sent for training ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : If they were sent from the Agriculture Ministry under the G.M.F. scheme, I have no information about the number.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that the engineers who were sent for training under the G.M.F. schemes were sent specially to learn about the repair of tractors and water pumps and such other machinery used in agriculture ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : I would require notice.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it not a fact that two of the mechanical engineers were sent from Orissa for this training ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He wants I notice, he says.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that these two engineers who came after their training were not utilised in the Hirakud Dam project ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : As I submitted, if they were sent out by the Agriculture Ministry, I have no information and I would require notice.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : The question seems to be that if these engineers are there specially trained on Government expense in regard to irrigation and power, why they were not employed on this project.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI : The engineers who were available in Orissa will have been employed. If they were specially trained for any purpose, they must have been employed in that job.

INDO-SWISS SYNTHETIC STONE FACTORY

*137- SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(c) whether Government are aware of the plans to set up an Indo-Swiss Synthetic Stone Factory in South India ;

(6) if so, which are the firms involved in this venture and what are the terms of their agreement;

(c) what are the total authorised and issued capitals of this firm ;

(d) what are their production plans ;

(e) whether this agreement was entered into with the help of the Government of India ; and

(f) what facilities have been provided by the Government of India or the State Government concerned to set up this factory ?

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

(b) Messrs. Coromandel Produce Corporation, Madras, have collaborated with Mr. J. F. Hoffer and his colleagues in the Swiss company-Messrs. Sarusa, S. A. Bodio. A statement containing the main terms of collaboration is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Rupees thirty-five lakhs.

(d) Manufacture of rough and finished synthetic stones.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Consent for the issue of a capital of Rs. 35 lakhs required for the project has been given. A licence for the import of capital goods of the value of Rs. 28,50,000 has also been granted. Details of assistance which the Government of Madras might have given in the form of building materials, land, electricity, etc. are not known.