

COUNCIL OF STATES

Thursday, 18th December 1952

The Council met at a quarter to eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

THE SITUATION IN ANDHRA

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA (Madras) : Sir, before we proceed to the question hour, may I submit that every day, every hour we are receiving news that our Andhra people are suffering. I raised this question yesterday and requested the Government to make an announcement in this respect. Unless an announcement is made, I am afraid the situation in Andhra will get out of control, for it is becoming very serious. We, representatives of Andhra, have no business to continue sitting here like this, when our people are being shot. I want to know what the Government is going to do.

MR. CHAIRMAN : After the question hour, this may be brought up, not now.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA : But the question.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let us take it up in the usual procedure. Mr. Sundarayya, you have said what you had to say. We will get the answer from the Government benches after the question hour is over.

Yes, Mr. Valiulla.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MACHINE TOOL FACTORY

*297. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state :

(a) how many of the 60 machines secured as reparations from Germany have been installed at the site of the Machine Tool Factory, in India ;

(b) whether the additional plant and machinery required for the factory and for which orders were placed in

Europe have been received at the site and if so, whether they have been installed ; and

(c) whether any technical personnel, foreign or Indian, have been selected for work at the factory ?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY) : (a) 35 and not 60 machines were obtained as reparations from Germany. Another 25 were obtained from D. G. (Disposals). These machines are now being cleaned and oiled preparatory to their installation shortly.

(b) Shipment of the plant and machinery purchased abroad is in progress. A few consignments have been received at the site. The installation work will start shortly. The value of the plant and machinery ordered abroad up to date is about Rs. 100 lakhs.

(c) 12 foreign technical officers have been recruited so far. Steps have been taken to recruit 6 Indian technical officers through the Union Public Service Commission.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : May I know when this factory will begin manufacturing these tools ?

SHRI K. C. REDDY : I think it has already been answered on the floor of the House before that the factory will begin making them in the latter part of next year.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : What is the value of the machines that we got from Germany ?

SHRI K. C. REDDY : I am afraid I have no information at present to give to the hon. Member.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : What kinds of tools are going to be manufactured in this factory ?

SHRI K. C. REDDY : Well, the factory has got a big programme ; and to start with, it is proposed to manufacture 400 lathes of 8½ inches