

## COUNCIL OF STATES

Wednesday, 23rd July 1952

The Council met at a quarter past eight of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### DEVELOPMENT WING

\*22. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are two development wings—engineering and chemical—under the control of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to give stimulus to industrial expansion in the country ;

(b) whether these wings are statutory bodies; and

(c) what is the nature of assistance they render to the industries?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) There is one development wing under the charge of two Industrial Advisers—one for engineering industries and the other for chemical industries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It renders assistance to industry in the procurement of raw materials, in the removal of transport difficulties, in the importation of plant and machinery, in obtaining the services of foreign technicians and by giving technical information and advice whenever necessary.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : May I know, Sir, if these wings are administrative units or technical for purposes of encouraging industry?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI : There is a history behind this. It is an organisation created during war time as part of the Supply Department and then it got transferred to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The

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work is partly administrative and partly technical. The technical part of it is connected with the development of industries.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : May I know if technicians are recruited mainly for the purpose of aiding industries?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI : There is no question of recruitment of technicians as such. Where particular industries ask for the help of the Development Wing of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, to procure suitable technicians we do our best.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : What is the relation of these branches with the Planning Commission?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI : The same relation as any other branch of Government has with the Planning Commission.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Can these branches, independently of the head of the Department, have contact with the Planning Commission regarding the engineering section or regarding the chemical section?

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI : Government does not operate in water-tight compartments. Actually, the Planning Commission, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Finance, and all the Ministries connected with economic affairs are in close touch with each other. There is no question of defining relationship as such; but, as and when matters are considered, there is joint consultation. There is really no friction at all, if that is what the hon. Member wants to know.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : My point is to ascertain in what measure these branches have been able to aid industries.

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI : It is quite a remote question. I have answered in part (c) that when any industry needs help, the Development wings try to do their best to give it.