

LOK SABHA

Monday, November 19, 1962/Kartika
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Manufacture of Tanks

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- *243. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Daji:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the further progress that has been made regarding establishment of the Factory at Avadi where Tanks and other heavy engineering equipments are to be manufactured?

The Minister of Defence Production (Shri Raghuramaiah): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 62].

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Apart from the facts mentioned in the statement, I want to know whether any steps are being taken to see that the tanks are manufactured in any other unit and whether spare-parts are being assembled?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I could not catch the question.

Mr. Speaker: The question is whether in any other unit, attempt is being made to manufacture tanks and for parts being assembled.

Shri Raghuramaiah: The intention at the present moment is to make it as far as possible a self-contained unit for this purpose. There is no other place where, at the moment, 2140 (A) LSD—1.

anything is being done in regard to tanks. If there are certain parts which we can manufacture in any other place more conveniently, naturally that will be used.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the Government intend to import tanks to meet this emergency?

Shri Raghuramaiah: That would be a separate question.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Shri Daji: We have been told that indents have been placed. As far as the schedule is concerned, I would like to know when the work is likely to commence and when the machinery is likely to arrive in India?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We hope to establish a firm line of production by about 1965. That is the scheme at present.

Shri Bhakt Darshan: By what time is this factory expected to start production actually?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I have already said that.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: As a result of the possible efforts that have been indicated in this statement, may I know if there is any likelihood of the tool room and other associated parts of the project coming into production before 1963?

Shri Raghuramaiah: This is in collaboration with Armstrong, and it is now part of the stipulation that they will deliver a certain number in 1964 and thereafter the production will commence.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know the kind of tanks that will be manufactured here—light, medium or heavy or all kinds of tanks?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Medium.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कितने टैंक सन् १९६२ में तैयार हो जायेंगे और कितने टैंक सन् १९६३ में तैयार हो जायेंगे ? एक टैंक पर कितना खर्चा पड़ता है । क्या सरकार हैवी टैंक भी बनाना चाहती है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह बहुत डिटेल की बात है ?

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: In view of the national emergency, may I know what steps the Government will take to have the matter expedited and also request the foreign collaborator to send the necessary parts and machinery earlier in order to start production before 1965?

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

Houses for Defence Personnel in Delhi

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- *244. { **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his **Ministry** has in view a plan to provide permanent housing accommodation for the defence personnel in Delhi; and

(b) if so, when this scheme will be put into operation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A proposal to provide residential accommodation for Service personnel of Armed Forces Headquarters and its attached units in New Delhi/Delhi Cantonment is under consideration.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: In view of the changed circumstances, has the

demand for accommodation increased during the last month or so and, if so, what steps are being taken to meet the increased demand?

Shri Raghuramaiah: If the hon. Member is referring to the need for increased accommodation for jawans on account of the present emergency, that is being considered separately.

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: May I know what was the Defence Ministry's total requirements of accommodation up to two months back and what percentage of that requirement has been met?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The requirement of married accommodation for officers of the armed forces headquarters in 1393, in addition to separate accommodation for single officers and JCO's.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view of the affirmative answer to the main question, may I know when the proposal is likely to be started for implementation and if implemented what percentage will be available for giving accommodation to the defence personnel?

Shri Raghuramaiah: It is a question of priority. In view of the present emergency, what priority can be given for this is also under consideration.

Shri Bhakt Darshan: May I know if the Government is considering the proposal to get these quarters constructed by troop labour, as was done in Ambala and Ferozepur?

Some Hon. Members: Not at this moment.

Mr. Speaker: Next question. **Shri Borooh.**

Central Tea Wage Board

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- *245. { **Shri P. C. Borooh:**
Shri P. Kunhan:

Will the **Minister of Labour and Employment** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the **Central Tea Wage Board** has submitted its report;