

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, April 16, 1963/Chaitra 26,  
1885 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Equipment for Calcutta Suburban  
Trains

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\*878. { Shri S. C. Samanta:  
      { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
      { Shri B. K. Das:  
      { Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Railways be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern-  
ment propose to purchase A.C.  
Electric Engine parts as well as  
engines for Calcutta Suburban Elec-  
tric trains from British firms;

(b) if so, whether orders have been  
placed; and

(c) when these equipments are ex-  
pected to be supplied?

The Deputy Minister in the Minis-  
try of Railways (Shri S. V. Rama-  
swamy): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c). Does not arise.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know  
whether any order has been placed  
with any other country?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Yes, Sir. We  
have placed an order on Japan for 28  
mixed traffic electric locos. Two of  
them have already arrived. This is  
238 Ai) LSD.—1

for hauling the suburban trains in the  
Sealdah-Ranaghat, Ranaghat-Krishna-  
gar City, Dum Dum-Bongaon and  
Kalinayanpur-Santipur sections.  
The services will be put in before  
September this year.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact  
that the Chittaranjan Locomotives,  
after completing the DC locomotives,  
will begin to manufacture AC loco-  
motives; if so, by that process will  
not the indenting for foreign engines  
and locomotives be eliminated?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The point  
is this. This is for suburban traffic,  
and these are special mixed traffic  
type.

Chittaranjan are expected to pro-  
duce 138 main line AC locomotives  
during the Third Plan. So far as this  
is concerned, we have placed an order  
for this type because though what  
will be best suited will be multiple  
units, EMUs, we have not sufficient  
experience in 25 KV. EMU. There-  
fore, in order to start the service, we  
have indented for these mixed traffic  
locomotives.

The Minister of Railways (Shri  
Swaran Singh): To add to the infor-  
mation given by my colleague, ob-  
viously when the tempo of indigen-  
ous manufacture gets going, to that  
extent indenting on foreign sources  
will be reduced.

White Tigers

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\*879. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
      { Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
      { Shri Birendra Bahadursingh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agri-  
culture be pleased to state: