Shri Kanungo: Land was acquired as in any case factory has got to be built there. Caffeine is the main product; there will be many other products also; it will be for the utilisation of medicinal plants available in that area.

Shri Maniyangadan: Could the Minister give us an idea as regards the time by which this project will be completed?

Shri Kanungo: No, Sir; I am sorry I cannot.

5hri P. C. Borocah: What is the total cost of the project and what will be the foreign exchange content? How much of it is for services and how much for the machinery?

Shri Kanungo: I cannot say that now because the process has got to be finalised and then the cost of the machinery, etc. will have to be worked out.

श्री अक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, क्या यह सत्य है कि इस कारखाने की स्थापना के लिए जो शिब्यूल निश्चित किया गया था, उस से काफ़ी देरी हो गई है ग्रीर क्या इस को जल्दी स्थापित करने के बारे में कोई कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

श्री कानूनगो: कार्यवाही की जा रही है और शिड्यूल में कुछ ज्यादा फर्क नहीं हुन्ना है।

Hindustan Steel Ltd.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) the arrangements being made to meet the additional requirements of technical personnel for doubling the existing capacity of Hindustan Steel Limited by the end of the Third Five Year Plan; and
- (b) whether engineers are being sent abroad for training?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Arrangements have been made to recruit and train the additional technical personnel.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know what approximately is the requirement for doubling the production in these plants?

Shri P. C. Sethi: The requirement of technical personnel for the expansion is as follows: engineers, 230 for Bhilai, 194 for Rourkela and 190 for Durgapur. The number of other operatives and skilled workers is about 10,500.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What are the countries to which our technical personnel have been sent for training and what is the course of training and by which time they are expected to take up the work?

Shri P. C. Sethi: As regards the technical personnel, they have been trained in the United Kingdom, USSR, West Germany, Australia and Canada. Further, they are being sent to Canada, France and USSR.

Mr. Speaker: Duration of training? Shri P. C. Sethi: It will be according to requirements.

श्री मक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, इस मंत्रासय के माननीय मंत्री जी ने प्रपने मंत्रालय की मांगों पर हुए बाद-विवाद का उत्तर देते हुए यह घोषित किया था कि स्टील कैंडेट्स की ट्रेनिंग की स्कीम शुरू की जायेगी। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि उन को किस तरह की विशेष ट्रेनिंग दी जायगी श्रौर वह स्कीम कब प्रारम्भ होने वाली है।

Shri P. C. Sethi: As the Minister has pointed out, it is proposed to introduce a scheme of steel cadets, and under this scheme young men in the age-group of 17—18 will be taken up and they will be given a steel-oriented training.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमन्, मेरा प्रश्न यह भी था कि वह स्कीम कब प्रारम्भ हो रही है ?

Mr. Speaker: When would it begin?

Shri P. C. Sethi: It is difficult to give the exact date, but it is under active consideration.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether there is any scheme by which these technicians who are being trained abroad, on their return can be used by us for our own independent training course here? Can they be used as trainers?

Shri P. C. Sethi: We have already got our training programme in all the three steel plants, and we have got persons who are taking up this training programme.

Dr. U. Misra: Is the Government aware that quite a large number of highly qualified technical personnel including the 400 experienced technicians discharged by TISCO in 1958 are still unemployed and, if so, may I know whether they will be absorbed in the Hindustan Steel in view of additional requirement of technicians?

Shri P. C. Sethi: When they make the recruitment the HSL would certainly consider if they are found suitable

श्री श्रोंकारलाल बेरबा : मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या हिन्दुस्तान स्टील के प्रवन्व के ढांचे में श्रभी कोई खास परिवर्तन किया गया है, यदि हां, तो क्या ।

Shri P. C. Sethi: That question does not arise from this, but a change has been made in the HSL Board of Directors.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : इस सदन में कई दफ़ा कहा गया है श्रीर थर्ड फ़ाइवयीयर प्लान में भी स्टील-श्रोरियन्टड इंस्टीट्यूट्स का जिक्र किया गया है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि स्रब तक कितने स्टील-स्रोरियन्टड इंस्टीट्युट्स कायम किय गए हैं।

Mr. Speaker: How many steeloriented institutes have been established?

Shri P. C. Sethi: We have a training programme in all the three plants. Besides this, a training programme is also being undertaken in various other industries such as TELCO, Hindustan Machine Tools, and others.

Shri Venkatasubbaiah: May I know how far in drafting the technical personnel to the various steel plants, the considerations of the various regions have been kept up, and whether there is any uniformity in the matter of recruitment from all the States?

Shri P. C. Sethi: As far as unskilled workers are concerned, regional considerations are being taken into account, but as far as the technical personnel are concerned, they are being taken on merits.

Indian Tea Delegation

Shri P. K. Chakraverti:
| Shri Maheswar Naik:
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| Shri P. K. Ghosh:
| Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Tea Delegation that visited Australia, New Zealand and Singapore has suggested a joint promotion scheme for increasing exports to these countries;
- (b) what are the other recommendations of the Delegation; and
- (c) the steps taken to give effect to these recommendations?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.