

give preference to local, hilly people or are outsiders sent there to defend that area? I mean local people, who are aware of the passes, etc.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Local people certainly form part of the raisings but I cannot say that they are given any preference. Getting information from them about the passes, etc. is separate work.

Shri Swell: The Minister said that no preference was given to the recruitment of local people from hilly areas in the North-eastern India although they are, by nature and physically more used to that terrain—May I know from the Defence Minister why preference has not been given?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Certainly, they have their places in the divisions. I only said that I could not say that they were given any preference but they may be in the different types of scouts, as I mentioned. Hon. Member, Shri Tyagi, was saying about civil defence. Civil defence is not Army's responsibility. But the scouts necessary for the use of the Army have been raised and they have been from the local hill tribes. (*Interruptions.*)

Shri Ranga: May we know whether priority is being given to the manufacture of as many things as possible—things that are needed for properly equipping these divisions? They are increasing the total quantity of military or defence production. Even in that, is priority being given to the essentials that are so badly needed?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think, yes.

Shri Maheswar Naik: What specific steps have been taken to equip the mountain division with automatic weapons? Has any manufacturing programme been started to produce automatic weapons?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think I have replied to this question.

Shri Hem Raj: Are we getting all the equipment promised by UK and USA or are we not getting them?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: We are getting the equipment according to the schedule.

डा० लक्ष्मीमल्ल सिंघवी : क्या संरक्षण मन्त्री सेना यन्त्रीकरण, हथियार और आकार की दृष्टि से इस कार्यक्रम को पर्याप्त समझते हैं जिसका विवरण इस सभा के पटल पर रखा गया है?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Yes. I think it is enough.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: I was asking from the point of view of the numbers, mechanisation, arms and ammunitions and the size.

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Generally, I should say, yes.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Which countries of Europe and America have so far offered aid and assistance in the matter of training, equipment for our soldiers for mountain warfare?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: I think the United States and the United Kingdom.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Yugoslavia?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: No.

Wage Board for Engineering Industry

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Dr. Saradish Roy:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

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

(a) whether Government have a proposal for appointing a wage board for the engineering industry;

(b) whether the report of the study group appointed earlier to look into the different kinds of engineering industries has been received; and

(c) when the proposed wage board for engineering industry would be appointed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri R. K. Malviya): (a) to (c). The report of the Study Group is expected shortly. The question of setting up a Wage Board for the engineering industry is proposed to be considered when the findings of the Study Group become available.

Shri Warior: May I know how long it will take for the study group to submit the report and how long after receiving that report the Government is going to consider about appointing the Wage Board?

Shri R. K. Malviya: The report of the study group is expected within two or three months.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the study group is considering the formation of a Wage Board for the big industrial units or it will also cover the small units?

Shri R. K. Malviya: That is a point why the study group was set up. It is considering all aspects of the engineering industry and the attempt is to include the small and the bigger groups.

श्री शिव नारायण, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस स्टडी ग्रुप में कितने मेम्बर हैं और क्या इसमें पार्लियामेंट का भी कोई मेम्बर है ?

श्री २० कि० मालवीय : स्टडी ग्रुप में आफिसर्स, स्पेशलिस्ट और राज्य सरकारों के

प्रतिनिधि हैं। वैसे इसके कनवीनर लेबर मिनिस्ट्री के डिप्टी सेक्रेटरी हैं और इसमें इण्डस्ट्री मिनिस्ट्री के डिप्टी सेक्रेटरी, डिपार्टमेंट आफ हर्बो इजॉर्नियरिंग एण्ड टैरिफिकल डिपार्टमेंट के डिप्टी सेक्रेटरी, लेबर कमिश्नर मद्रास, लेबर कमिश्नर महाराष्ट्र और लेबर कमिश्नर बंगाल हैं।

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: In view of the fact that the engineering industry, especially at the small unit level, is not receiving adequate attention so far as wage is concerned, may I know whether the small units also will be included in this recommendation?

Shri R. K. Malviya: I have just replied that all units are being considered. That is why the delay is being caused. Had it been the case of the bigger Engineering groups only or specific engineering industries, there would not have been any difficulty in the setting up of the Wage Board.

Shri Nath Pai: It is a rather long list which he has given. We do not find a representative of any of the Central Trade Union organisations there. Why was not an effort made—unless I have missed the name—to associate a representative of one of the Central trade union organisations with this very important body?

Shri R. K. Malviya: All the central trade union organisations, especially the INTUC, the AITUC and the HMS, were consulted, and they have given their evidence. The HMS has submitted a statement; their representative could not appear before the study group to give evidence. (*Interruption*).

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. Shri Sham Lal Saraf.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: May I know if this study will include the studying of the conditions of the industry at all levels, and also the diversified scales of industry? I want to know

whether all these aspects will be studied by the study group.

Shri R. K. Malviya: Yes, Sir. The wage structure will be considered by the Wage Board. This study group has been set up only to consider whether there should be one, two, or three wage boards, looking into the diversified nature of the Engineering industry.

Electronics Factory, Hyderabad

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 Shri N. R. Laskar:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri Sezhiyan:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri Koya:
 Shri M. Rampure:
 Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding the Project Report of the proposed factory for electronic components of guided missiles at Hyderabad; and

(b) when the factory is likely to go into production?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) The preparation of the Project Report for the manufacture of the electronic components of the guided missiles will be undertaken shortly, with the help of Soviet specialists.

(b) an estimate can be given only after the Project Report has been completed.

Shri N. R. Laskar: May I know whether there are any particular reasons for which the expert committee are finding it difficult to prepare this

project on which I believe they are engaged for a pretty long time? -

Shri Raghuramaiah: We have received three project reports, one relating to the air frame, the second relating to the engine and the third relating to the electronic equipment that goes into the plane. This particular project report will be prepared as soon as the Soviet specialists arrive in this country, which is expected shortly.

Shri N. R. Laskar: Our agreement with the USSR was for MIG 21. In view of the latest improvements in this field, may I know whether any request has been made to the USSR Government so that we can have the latest ones?

Shri Raghuramaiah: We have assessed our own requirements, in the light of the experience during the emergency and we have projected a request to the USSR to make certain modifications.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know to what extent the State Government has offered to co-operate with the Central Government by providing land and other things for the establishment of this factory in Hyderabad?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The State Government has agreed to give us the necessary land and other facilities.

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं यह जानना चाहूँगा कि इस फैक्ट्री को बनाने का कुल एस्टिमेट क्या है ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Until the project report comes—probably he refers to the Hyderabad factory to which this question relates—it is not possible to give any estimate.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether any final estimate has been made regarding the actual production, or about the approximate production that will be made when this factory starts producing?