

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?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The project report is based on certain assumptions, and until the project report has been finally analysed and accepted by the Government, it would not be possible to give any definite data.

Shri Warior: May I know whether the Government is asking the experts to make a project report for the civil construction also or only for the manufacturing side?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The project report includes both the civil construction and the machinery part.

Manufacture of Tanks

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 Shri Hem Raj:
 Shri P. Kunhan:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Jedhe:
 Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 17 on the 18th November, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the discussion with the French team over the proposal for the manufacture of light tanks in India has since been concluded; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). Preliminary discussions with the French Team were carried out during November 1963; on these discussions a technical mission from France arrived in India in January this year and has recently completed an industrial survey of the country. Further discussions with this team are being continued. No final decision has yet been taken.

I may add that since then, we had received an offer from Vickers-Armstrong also for the development of a light tank.

Shri Hem Raj: May I know whether any final decision has been taken so far as the former part is concerned? The latter part has been mentioned. I want to know whether it will be with regard to the former one or the latter one.

Shri Raghuramaiah: Until the examination of the matter is over and until after we get all the relevant data from both, it is not possible to come to a final decision, but we are anxious to do so as quickly as we can.

Shri Hem Raj: What will be the estimated cost of this project?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Until the scheme has been accepted and the project report has been prepared, it is not possible to give any idea.

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: May I know what would be the design capacity for the production of these tanks, what are our requirements in this respect and what steps are proposed to be taken to meet our requirements?

Shri Raghuramaiah: It is a light tank, and I am sure the House would not like me to go into the details of the designs.

Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: About the design capacity for production?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. Dr. Govind Das.

डा० गोविन्द दास : जहाँ तक टैंक्स के निर्माण का सम्बन्ध है, जो अमी सरकारी गन कैरिज फैक्टरी जबलपुर में है और जहाँ शक्ति वाहन ट्रक बनते हैं, क्या वहाँ इन टैंक्स का निर्माण नहीं किया जा सकता ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: As we have submitted to the House so often, this place has been selected after a technical team, with the Russian assistance, has gone into it very carefully.