

Shri Raghuramaiah: This will involve, according to the present estimates, a capital outlay of about Rs. 5 crores, the foreign exchange component of which will be Rs. 1.5 crores.

Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Will this particular factory be established with foreign collaboration, and if so, with which country?

Shri Raghuramaiah: It is proposed to establish it, of course, with foreign collaboration under some loan agreement. But actually it will be our own factory.

डा० गोविन्द दास : अभी जो मशीनें बनाने के विभिन्न सरकारी कारखाने हैं क्या उन में भी इस तरह के एंजिन बन सकते हैं या नहीं ?

Shri Raghuramaiah: No. These require special machinery.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: Is it a fact that this factory was first contemplated in Andhra Pradesh. If so, what made Government change the location?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Before me, I have not got that material, but I presume what finally weighed with Government in coming to this decision were the following facts: (1) It must be located somewhere between Cochin and Bombay; (2) There must be ancillary industries sufficiently developed in order to make this project go through expeditiously; and (3) Also new defence factories are coming in Madras whose facilities might become available for this also.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: What will be the expected production of this factory?

Shri Raghuramaiah: That is a particular aspect which is now specially under study by the Planning Commission and other bodies, because in a way this gets tied up with the

second shipyard and the number of ships this country will produce.

Shri Kapur Singh: Will these engines be usable for or adaptable to submarine craft also?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I cannot say off-hand.

Dalai Lama's Tour Programme

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*1176. { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

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

(a) whether Dalai Lama's foreign tour programme has been finalised;

(b) if so, the countries he is visiting; and

(c) the assistance, if any, he has sought from the Government of India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: The Minister Without Portfolio stated on the floor of the House the other day that the younger brother of the Dalai Lama had expressed interest in the Dalai Lama's visit to foreign countries, particularly Buddhist countries. What has happened since then to dampen and discourage such a visit abroad?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Since then, nothing has happened. The plan has yet to be finalised.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Pakistan forged a Mufti of Kashmir to go abroad and do propaganda. We have a genuine Dalai Lama, for whom, according to the Minister of External Affairs, there is a considerable amount of sympathy and support abroad, that is, for the Tibetans.

What positive steps are taken to channelise that sympathy and support for the emancipation of Tibet?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No positive steps are taken.

श्री श्रीकारलाल बोरवा : मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या इससे पहले भी कभी दलाई लामा ने भारत सरकार से यात्रा के बारे में इस तरह की चर्चा की थी और सहायता मांगी थी ?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: No. This is the first time that the Dalai Lama's brother has approached the Government of India.

Shri Hem Barua: Is it a fact that very recently China lodged a very strong protest with the Government of India to the effect that the Government of India has given a lot of opportunities to the Dalai Lama to indulge in political propaganda in our country? If so, is it because of this that the Government has revised the tour programme or rather stopped the Dalai Lama from going abroad? Let us be very specific about it.

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: That is Chinese propaganda and it does not affect the Government of India's plans.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: Will the Dalai Lama be treated as a government guest during the foreign tour?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: All these things will arise only when the plans are finalised. At the moment, there is nothing.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार दलाई लामा को इस काम में मदद करना चाहती है कि दलाई लामा विदेशों में जा कर के अपनी कठिनाइयों को विभिन्न सरकारों को बतलावें ?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: As far as we know, what His Holiness wanted was to visit some Buddhist countries.

If he wants to visit those countries, as pointed out the other day, Government will not place any obstruction in his way.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: My question was why positive steps have not been taken when there is so much of goodwill and support, according to the Ministry itself, for the Tibetan refugees in this country. Why is it that positive steps are not taken to make use of that?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Because the Government of India did not think it was necessary to take.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Why?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: It has its own reasons which I do not want to disclose to the House.

Shri Ranga: When was it that either the Dalai Lama or any of his representatives made this suggestion that he would like to go abroad and would like necessary facilities from Government? Why is it that Government has taken such a long time and why is it that it is not able to make a decision even now?

The Minister Without Portfolio (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): This is a matter which has to be initiated by the Dalai Lama or his representatives. As was said earlier in this House, we have no objection. In fact, we might, if necessary, provide facilities to the Dalai Lama if he goes out. His brother met me recently and he has not pursued this matter; he discussed some other matters with me. So unless they take it up and decide, we cannot move in the matter. I am sorry in so far as Shri Mathur's question is concerned, we would not like to utilise the Dalai Lama in that way.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: May I remind you and the Minister With-

out Portfolio that even on the last occasion when the question was raised in the House about six weeks ago, there was some shilly-shallying, and the very next day the Minister Without Portfolio corrected his answer given the previous day? Is the Minister today in a position to state firmly that whatever protest or other representation may be lodged by the Chinese Government in this matter, Government will remain firm with regard to the promise given to the Dalai Lama to let him go abroad?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: Certainly I think you can expect that. Although I may look small and weak, Government as a whole is definitely very firm.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Sir, on a point of personal explanation. The hon. Minister said that they did not want to utilise the Dalai Lama in a particular way; I never asked India to utilise the Dalai Lama. My question was exclusive. The emancipation of Tibet is not the utilisation of the Dalai Lama by us. It is for the Dalai Lama himself and for the Tibetans. I had never suggested that we should utilise him.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Barupal.

श्री प० ला० बारूपाल : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब से दलाई लामा तिब्बत से यहां आये हैं, उन पर कितना पैसा खर्च किया गया है (Interruption).

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य इस बात को छोड़ दें ।

Shri Shinkre: What is the exact status that the Government of India attaches to the Dalai Lama—head of state in exile, or a simple individual or in between the two?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: There is no special status as such. He has

come here in an exceedingly difficult condition and the Government of India has offered the necessary help to him and will continue to do so in the future also.

Reversions in A.O.C.

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*1177. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Heda:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of Ordnance Officers (Civilian) are proposed to be reverted;

(b) if so, their number and to what extent the reversion will affect the position at the lower levels in the Army Ordnance Corps;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is considerable discontent and unrest among the civilians of lower grades on account of the proposed reversions; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to avert this situation in view of the Emergency?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan):

(a) to (d). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

89 persons were promoted on an officiating basis as Ordnance Officers (Civilian) in the Army Ordnance Corps against posts tenable by Service Officers. Service Officers are expected to be posted against these vacancies by July/August 1964. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the number of reversions, that are likely to take place. The effect at lower levels also cannot be forecast as that will depend on the number of reversions and the vacancies available in the various subordinate grades.