

Shri Vasudevan Nair: What is all this?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. If the hon. Minister has got any information, he might give.

Shri T. N. Singh: There is a suggestion, Sir, that taxes levied by Government have added to the prices. All these matters are under examination. That is why I said that I do not want to make a definite statement regarding the incidence of various components and spare parts.

Shri Ranga: Say, you do not know....(Interruption).

Shri T. N. Singh: I do not want to prejudge the inquiry that is being made in regard to some of these things. For that reason I said that there are various reasons.

डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेसरलूमेट गाड़ी ढाई हजार रुपये में जर्मनी में तैयार होती है। क्या उस को यहां बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के सामने आया है और उस पर सरकार ने क्या किया है? मैं यह साफ़ कर दूँ कि मैं निजी इस्तेमाल की गाड़ी बनाने के बारे में नहीं पूछ रहा हूँ—सिर्फ टैक्सी के लिए।

श्री त्रि० ना० सिंह : डी० के० डब्ल्यू० के बारे में एक प्रस्ताव हमारे सामने आया है। यहां के एक प्रसिद्ध मैन्युफैक्चरर के जरिये उन्होंने ने उस की बात छोड़ी है। मैं यह नहीं कह सकता कि उस का दाम ढाई हजार है या क्या है। अब तक मुझे वहां से जो सूचना मिली है, उस से मेरे पास ऐसा कोई अन्दाज़ नहीं है।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Zinc smelter Plant

*812. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to refer to the reply given

to Starred Question No. 229 on the 27th November, 1964 and state the progress made in regard to the establishment of a zinc smelter plant in the country with Polish collaboration?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): A feasibility report for establishing a zinc smelter in the country was prepared by Polish experts. The Report covers such matters as the composition and quantity of zinc concentrates required, the technological processes to be employed, the location of the plant and the broad time schedule for the project. This report has been studied by our technical experts and a decision for preparation of a detailed project report by the Polish agency will be taken shortly. In accordance with the recommendation made by the experts in the feasibility study, steps are being taken to arrange for a long term supply of zinc concentrates of the required analytical composition.

Agro-Industrial Complex

*816. **Shri Shiv Charan Mathur:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hindustan Lever, Ltd. have successfully set up an Agro-industrial complex in some of the villages of U. P. and have been able to achieve higher production and higher income for the villagers; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b) M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd. have set up at Etah in Uttar Pradesh an industrial unit for the production of milk powder, ghee and casein. The Government understand that as part of the scheme the company propose extending credit facilities to farmers in the area for the purchase of cattle, cattlefeed, fertilisers and seeds.

Indianization of Posts in Foreign Firms.

*817. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any progress in the process of Indianization of higher posts in foreign firms in the country during 1964; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). The latest information available with the Government is for the year 1963. This has been published in a Press Note dated the 21st March, 1965.

Information for the year 1964 is being collected.

Taxis at Delhi and New Delhi stations

*819. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the difficulty, verging on impossibility, experienced by detrainning passengers at Delhi and New Delhi Stations in obtaining taxis for short distance journeys;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make police arrangements for the purpose, as at Victoria Terminus, Bombay; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. We are aware of some difficulty experienced at Delhi and New Delhi stations in obtaining Taxis for short distance journeys.

(b) Police arrangements have been made, though they are not the same as at Victoria Terminus.

(c) The Police consider that the arrangements made now will deal adequately with the complaint.

Mineral Exploration during Fourth Plan.

*824. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kapoor Singh:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Kanakasabai:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Canadian Government have agreed to provide equipment for mineral exploration programmes during the Fourth Plan;

(b) if so, the precise nature of the assurance of aid given; and

(c) whether that Government have also agreed to train Indian technicians?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). A proposal was sent to the Canadian Government for assistance in the form of Canadian Soft Loan of Rs. 4.77 crores to purchase equipment for the Geological Survey of India and the Indian Bureau of Mines required for mineral exploration during the Fourth Five Year Plan. Detailed lists of equipment were scrutinised by Canadian Experts with reference to our programmes for exploration. They have since drawn up an assessment report which broadly confirms that the equipment in question is necessary for implementing our programmes and recommends the desirability of training Indian technicians in the use of Canadian equipment and their reorientation in new techniques of exploration and drilling. Government of India have accepted the recommendations of the Canadian Experts. The decision of the Canadian Government on our proposal is awaited.