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LOK SABHA

Monday, May 28, 1962/Jyaistha 7, 1884 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Garden Reach Workshop Ltd.

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*1070. Shri Subodh Hansda Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to diversify and modernise the Garden Reach Workshop Ltd.;
- (b) If so, whether there is any plan to collaborate with foreign firms; and
- (c) with whom the collaboration is likely to take place?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) The character of the Workshops is not altered and there is no plan for such but it is kept in good condition. Equipment is added as required and possible.

- (b) No Sir, not for modernisation.
- (c) Does not arise.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that since it has been taken over by the Government it is running at a loss and if so, what is the reason for this loss?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): That is another question. It is not running at a loss. 758 Ai LSD—1.

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Shri D. C. Sharma: The hon. Minister just now said that it is kept in good condition. May I know what is the implication of the phrase 'kept in good condition'?

Mr. Speaker: What are the implications?

Shri D. C. Sharma: I want to know what is being done to keep it in good condition.

Mr. Speaker: It was said that it is kept in good condition. The implications, perhaps, we can know from the dictionary.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the company form of management is still continuing under the Government ownership and if so, to what advantage?

Shri Krishna Menon: The President holds all the shares of the company.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Some Hon, Members rose-

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry; I have passed on to the next question.

Standard Vacuum Oil Company

*1072. Shri Warlor:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

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

- (a) whether Government have noted the change of name of M/s. Standard Vacuum Oil Company of India to Esso Standard (Eastern) Inc.; and
- (b) if so, whether Government have fully assessed the financial implica-