

(b) if so, what were the sale-after-service arrangements with the licencees; and

(c) the location of workshops set up to render service facilities to the imported tractors?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The firms concerned had the necessary workshop and technical personnel to attend to after-sale-service. The workshops are located in Bombay and Calcutta

#### Coal Mine Machinery

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\*249. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:  
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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether it has been decided to set up a plant for the manufacture of machinery and other equipment for coal industry with the assistance of Soviet experts,

(b) if so, whether they have been asked to submit a project report, and

(c) where the plant is likely to be located?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) and (b) This is one of the machinery projects indicated in the statement I made in the House in answer to Question No 662 on the 30th May 1957 for which it is proposed to utilise Russian aid. Copies of the preliminary report of the Soviet experts on this project have been separately made available to the Parliament Library

(c) It is too early to give an answer

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know if we are going to accelerate the pace of setting up of these plants in view of the fact that we are unable to increase our coal production due to the short supply of various machinery in the coal mines?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** I would like to separate out the two parts of the question. We are trying to accelerate the production of this machinery. But, as far as the targets of coal production are concerned, they are not directly connected with the setting up of the machinery because the first deliveries of this plant will not be available earlier than 1962

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether the Government has done anything about the location of the plant?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** For the present we have only surveyed about nine sites. The actual location would be decided after the Russian expert team comes here

**Shri P. C. Bose:** What are the particular kinds of machineries that will be built up in this proposed plant and also whether these are different from those which are being built already in India?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The present production is of a minor character—about Rs 50 lakhs a year—and the target is Rs 15 crores per year. The machines are coal loaders, electrical locomotives, winding machines of different sorts, coal winches, excavators, etc. for the coal mines

**Shri P. C. Bose:** Whether the coal cutting machine will be manufactured here? That is not mentioned by the hon. Minister

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** A small quantity is being made now but what we want is a very large amount of different categories of coal cutters which will also be manufactured in this plant

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know if Hyderabad is one of the sites which have been surveyed?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** No, Sir

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know whether there are any private firms coming forward to manufacture cranes and earth moving equipment and so on?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** As the hon Member is aware, under the Industrial Policy statement, coal mining equipment and machinery comes under the public sector—Schedule I. However, there are certain varieties of cranes and other things which we permit the private sector to manufacture

#### India-Nepal Trade Treaty

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 \*250. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Dr Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether the Governments of India and Nepal have agreed to effect some changes in the India-Nepal Trade Treaty, and

(b) if so what are the important features of those changes?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru)** (a) and (b) The Governments of India and Nepal have had under discussion some changes in the India-Nepal Trade Treaty. Some of these changes have been agreed to, others are still under discussion. It would not be proper to disclose the changes till the matter is finalised, more especially as the old Government in Nepal has resigned and a new Government is yet to be formed.

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र** क्या सरकार बतला सकती है कि यह ट्रेड की सधि कब तक बदली जायेगी ?

**श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू** मैं ने अभी अज्ञ किंग कि नेपाल में पुरानी गवर्नमेंट अब नहीं रही है। नई बनने वाली है। जब तक नई बने नहीं, उस वक्त तक हमारा इस बात का एकतरफा फैसला करना मुश्किल है।

**Shri C. D. Pande:** Nepal is a land-locked country and almost the entire trade passes through India. In view

of this, is it not desirable that we should persuade Nepal to enter into a Zollverein or a sort of permanent customs union rather than having ad hoc treaties?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru.** What the hon Member says will also, presumably, be a treaty. I do not quite understand that except that the treaty would go further than the present treaties have gone. But, as far as the customs union is concerned I do not know, I cannot commit myself now in regard to such a proposition.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** One of the conditions of proposed agreement is that Nepal will have a separate foreign exchange fund of its own and it will be with the Reserve Bank of India. I just want to have the information as to what is the present amount of foreign exchange of Nepal that is now lying with India?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru** I cannot give that figure without enquiry.

#### Wage Board for Motor Transport Workers

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 \*251. { **Shri Punnoose:**  
**Shri Vasudevan Nair**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Tripartite Wage Board for Motor Transport Workers, and

(b) if so when?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali)** (a) and (b) No such proposal is under Government's consideration.

**Shri Punnoose.** Is it not a fact that the Indian Labour Conference recommended that wage boards may be appointed in certain industries and is not public transport included therein?

**Shri Abid Ali:** I do not think that this industry was included in that.