

(b) The Indian Government delegation expressed the view that (i) in underdeveloped countries with an abundance of Labour and scarcity of capital the accent of economic policy has to be on the maximum use of labour and economy in the use of capital and (ii) lack of technical knowhow and capital resources would set limits to rapid introduction of automation in such countries

Heavy Electrical Equipment Factory

*262. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state at what stage is the scheme of Heavy Electrical Equipment Factory?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah) The Project Report submitted by the Technical Consultants has been accepted. All preliminary steps for the execution of the Project have already been taken. The land has been acquired and civil works are under construction. The construction of the Training School and ancillary buildings will soon commence. The requisite machinery for the Training School has been ordered. Some engineer trainees are undergoing training in the UK. Negotiations for placing orders for the machinery to be installed in the factory are in progress.

Commonwealth Economic Conference

*265. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether it has been decided to have a Commonwealth Economic Conference in the near future, and

(b) what will be the scope of this conference and at what level it is proposed to be held?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):
(a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Employment Exchanges

*266. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the total number of persons of all grades on the live registers of Employment Exchanges in the country on 31st December, 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): 7,58,503

National Buildings Organisation

*267. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) the amount so far spent on the National Buildings Organisation, and

(b) the amount spent on the library built by this Organisation so far?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil Chanda) (a) About Rs 6.28 lakhs

(b) About Rs 0.56 lakhs

Shipment of Iron and Manganese Ores

*271. Shri Keshava: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the result of the exploration by the State Trading Corporation of the possibility of using the Cochin port for the shipment of iron and manganese ores from Mysore, and

(b) which are the ports being used at present for the export of these items from Mysore?

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

(a) The State Trading Corporation have come to the conclusion that it will be a practicable proposition to use the Cochin Port for the shipment of iron and manganese ores. It is proposed to export 50,000 tons of iron ore and 30,000 tons of manganese ore from the port of Cochin during the year July 1957 to June 1958.

(b) Madras, Masulipatam, Kakinada, Vizagapatam and Bombay ports