

(b) if so, when the Ordnance Factory at Wadala is going to be re-opened?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fate-singh Rao Gaekwad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of resuming manu-facture of jerricans at Ordnance Factory, Wadala or any other Ordnance factory is under consideration.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the retrenched workers at Wadala are likely to be re-employed?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): The question does not arise until it is decided as to whether the factory will be started there or somewhere else. Then it will arise; not just now.

Coal Production in Singareni Collieries

*1223. Shri Nagi Reddy: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed expansion programme to increase the production of coal in the Singareni Collieries under the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The Andhra Pradesh Government have prepared an expansion programme to increase the production of coal in the Singareni Collieries under the Second Five Year Plan to achieve the following target of production under two phases:—

(i) 2 million tons per annum by 1957-58; and

(ii) 3 million tons per annum by 1961-62.

(b) the Andhra Pradesh Govern-ment have taken all steps to achieve the target of 2 million tons by 1957-58. The steps to be taken to reach the target of 3 million tons by 1961-62 will be finalised after the mode of the Central Government's participation in the finances and management of the

Singareni Coal Company has been settled. The Government of India are in touch with the Andhra Pradesh Government on the subject. Pending finalisation of this matter a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs to the Singareni Collier-ies has been sanctioned.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know the total amount that is expected to be spent in the Second Plan and the amount that is expected to be spent in 1957-58?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The total cost of the expansion scheme for these collieries is estimated at Rs. 8 crores by 1961-62 out of which Rs. 4 crores would be required during the current plan period.

Shri Nagi Reddy: My second ques-tion is how much has been spent in 1956-57 and how much is proposed to be spent in 1957-58.

Sardar Swaran Singh: The collieries desired payment during the year 1956-57 of the order of Rs. 30 lakhs. Dur-ing 1957-58 they were planning to spend Rs. 85 lakhs.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know why the Government of India allotted only Rs. 10 lakhs when they had asked for Rs. 85 lakhs?

Sardar Swaran Singh: There is no question of allotment. Pending finali-sation of the Government's participa-tion in the capital and the formula-tion of the new company agreement, a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs has been given. That is not the final amount.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What is the amount to be borne by the Centre out of the Rs. 6 crores?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The Andhra Pradesh Government will probably not be able to find any money, and the entire money will probably have to be found by the Centre.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whe-ther the proposed additional produc-tion will be had from the existing collieries or from adjoining areas?

Sardar Swaran Singh: In the expansion programme the entire additional production will not be available from these mines. Some adjoining areas will also have to be exploited.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the amount is given as loan or subsidy?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The Government of India have the intention of taking equity capital, and the proposal that has been made to the Andhra Pradesh Government is that the Government of India should have two-thirds share in the equity capital.

Shri B. S. Murthy: A lion's share, is it?

Sardar Swaran Singh: It is not a lion's share, it is just two-thirds.

Mr. Speaker: A lion's share or tiger's share.

Engineering College at Durgapur

*1224. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 200 acres of land have been allotted to its Ministry at the site of the Durgapur Steel Plant for the establishment of an Engineering College there; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken for the establishment of the college?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel have agreed to the proposal of the Government of West Bengal to locate an engineering college in a part of the land acquired for the Durgapur Steel Project. The establishment of the college has, however, not been finalised.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the West Bengal Government has submitted a detailed scheme for

the college, and if so, may I know what it is?

Shri M. M. Das: The college is proposed to be fully residential, both for the staff and the students. It will offer undergraduate courses in civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and metallurgical engineering, for which the annual admissions will be 210 students. The total cost will be: building and equipment Rs. 57.58 lakhs; recurring cost Rs. 9.8 lakhs, building of hostel and staff quarters, about Rs. 45 lakhs.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know the percentage of expenditure that will be borne by the Central Government?

Shri M. M. Das: The proposal for the establishment of this college arises out of the Ghosh-Chandrakant report. The whole expenditure has to be borne by the Centre because there is no provision in the Second Plan of the West Bengal Government for the establishment of this college. The Government has not yet approved this scheme.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if the number of engineering colleges in the eastern region is far less than in other regions, and hence do Government propose to take any steps to accelerate the process of establishing this college?

Shri M. M. Das: There was a proposal in the Ghosh-Chandrakant report that three new engineering colleges have to be established along with other recommendations, but that particular recommendation for the establishment of three new engineering colleges and 23 new polytechnics has not yet been accepted by the Government because the Government thinks that the establishment of new polytechnics and engineering colleges should be considered on the basis of two factors. One is the balance of providing equal instructional facilities in technical education to the different zones of India, and secondly the engineering personnel that will be required in the Third and subsequent Plan periods should also be taken into consideration.