

Second Shipyard

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 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
 Shri Bihuti Mishra:
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 Shri Jhulan Sinha:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri Sanganna:
 Shri Tangamani:
 Shri Shivananappa:
 Shri Wodeyar:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first or advance team of shipyard experts from Britain under the Colombo Plan has arrived in India;

(b) when it is expected to report; and

(c) whether Government have selected certain sites tentatively for the new shipyard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) No report is expected from the advance party. The purpose of the Party's visit is only to make a preliminary survey of the possible sites and collect data for study by the full Mission.

(c) No.

Shri Heda: May I know the places visited by this team so far?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They have visited Geodkhal in Bengal, Paradip site in Orissa, Tuticorin in Madras, Cochin in Kerala, Bhatkal and Karwar in Mysore; Mangalore also was included later on; and Tromby and Kandla in Bombay.

Shri Heda: Before considering the estimates for the second ship-yard, have they considered the economic cost of still further expanding the present one?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As provided for in the Second Plan, we have to take preparatory steps for the location of the second ship-yard. It is in pursuance of that provision in the Second Plan, that this project has been taken up and the advance party of the Technical mission is here for that purpose.

Shri S. C. Samanta: It is reported that the advance party has finished its work and has come to Delhi. May I know whether they have had any formal or informal consultation with the Ministry?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The party is supposed to make some preliminary study or survey and collect data for the use of the mission which will come in September. Of course they did meet our officers but the question of discussions in order to arrive at any conclusion does not arise at this stage.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether the advance party which has now come to Delhi will visit Andamans also and whether the Government will consider the question of establishing the ship-yard in Andamans because of the availability of suitable timber in large quantities?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not think that Andamans is in their itinerary.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I will call those hon. Members who have given their names. Shri Raghunath Singh.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिस तरह पर ईस्टर्न कोस्ट पर एक शिपयार्ड है क्या वेस्टर्न कोस्ट पर भी उस तरह का कोई शिपयार्ड होगा, खास कर कारवार में ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जो भी सलाह या मशवरा हम को मिशन से मिलेगा, उस पर पूरी तरह सोच विचार करने के बाद ही इस प्रश्न के ऊपर विचार किया जा सकता है कि थाया वह पूर्वी तट पर होना या पश्चिमी

Mr. Speaker: Shri Bibhuti Mishra—absent. Shri Keshava—absent. The hon. Members ought not expect me to call them if they do not stand. Because their names appear I call them. But, how long am I to go on calling merely to be told that they are not present here. Are any of the hon. Members whose names are put in here present here? No. Now, I will call as I like.

Shri Thirumala Rao: May I know whether the itinerary prepared for the tour of this party has been prepared by the Central Government in consultation with the provincial Governments that are interested in this matter?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We invited the maritime States to give us their suggestions. They sent us certain suggestions. Barring two places which, for obvious reasons, were not found to be good enough, the advance party has visited the rest of them as recommended by the various States.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the best quality of steel and wood is available in Karwar and that the place is suitable for berthing tankers and big ships that come there and that the State Government has agreed to co-operate in all steps that may be taken to have ship building yard there.

Shri Raj Bahadur: That will be a point for consideration and study for the advance party and the mission that will come later.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Joachim Alva.

Shri Joachim Alva: My hon. friend has put it partly and I will put it this way.....

Mr. Speaker: Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar.

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: In view of Tuticorin offering the best facilities in the east coast, will Government consider the question of locating the ship-yard at that port?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not think that it is good for us to forestall the

conclusions or the recommendations of the advance party or the mission.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha rose—

Mr. Speaker: Is there a possibility of a ship-yard in Bihar? (Interruptions.)

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: I do not always represent regional interests.

Shri Achar: Have they visited Mangalore?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes, Mangalore... not Bangalore (Interruptions.) They have visited Mangalore, I think.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether this team and the other team which the hon. Minister has just now referred to, will come here under the Colombo Plan and give only technical advice? May I know whether any talks have been conducted in regard to the capital investment with any other country and whether the Government can give us any indication on that point?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I said, they are here for recommending a possible site. So far as the question of capital investment is concerned, that will come up later on. But we will of course explore the possibilities of enlisting the cooperation of such countries in this project.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Has any Government been approached? That is my point.

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): I can very well appreciate the anxiety of the hon. Members for locating the ship-yard in their States. They will, however, have to wait till the commission has submitted its final report. Regarding the question put by the hon. lady Member, it is in a very fluid state I would not like to disclose the name just now as we have had no preliminary talks yet. Some offers have been made by one particular country and one or two other countries may also put forward their suggestions. But, I hope the hon.

Members would like to wait till it has taken some material shape.

Shri Tangamani: The hon. Minister stated that the mission is likely to arrive in September. May I know when it is expected to complete the tour and make its recommendations?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: This is merely an advance party that has come and the final mission will come later. The real party is coming in September and then they will meet and discuss.

Shri Dasappa: May I know whether, apart from coastal areas, this mission has visited any of the interior parts in order to find out the facilities and advantages available for the location of the ship-yard?

Shri Tyagi: Particularly Rajasthan.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: There is nothing much to answer. My Colleague has already given the names of places. I think Bhatkal and Karwar are in the interior.

Shri Dasappa: They are coastal towns, I am speaking of the hinterland. I am asking whether the Mission has gone into the hinterland.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: No, they have not gone.

Departmental Catering on Railways

*418. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there has been any revision of the quantity of rice, bread and vegetables supplied to the passengers by the departmental catering and the contractors?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): There has been no revision as such of the quantity of rice, chappaties and vegetables to be served as part of the standard Indian style menu except that in January this year the quantity of rice was prescribed in terms of cooked rice instead of uncooked

rice and specific weights were prescribed for chappaties.

पंडित ड० ना० तिवारी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि क्या कोई ऐसी है जो कि यह देखे कि साब सामग्री का जितना बचन दिया गया है उतना दिया जाता है या नहीं। बहुत सी कम्प्लेंट बुक्स में ये शिकायतें दर्ज की गयी हैं कि साब सामग्री कम दी जाती है और नून : मांगने पर अधिक दाम चार्ज किये जाते हैं ?

श्री लालबाबू शास्त्री : जो भी खाना दिया जाता है उसको स्टेशन मास्टर भी देख सकते हैं और उसकी इंस्पेक्टर भी देखते हैं। कहीं कहीं ये शिकायतें मिली हैं कि पूरी मिक्चर नहीं मिलती है। जहाँ ऐसी शिकायत होती है, जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य ने भी की है, तो उस के ऊपर गौर किया जाता है और जहाँ किसी की गलती होती है उसकी सजा दी जाती है।

पंडित ड० ना० तिवारी : मुजफ्फरपुर स्टेशन पर जो शिकायत की गयी थी उसका क्या नतीजा निकला ?

श्री लालबाबू शास्त्री : वह मामला अभी जेरे तकतीस है उसका कोई फैसला नहीं हुआ है।

Shri Shree Narayan Das: Along with this question of quantity, may I know whether the question of quality is also taken into consideration?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Yes, Sir; that is always taken into consideration.

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