

perimeter. Acquisition of land for works within the perimeter, one way or the other, will not make any material difference. The area may be quite considerable but on account of that the real difference will not be very great.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Do I take it that the cost will increase only on account of our reports—owing to differences in the estimates and the current rates?

Sardar Swaran Singh: No He should not presume so.

Shri V. P. Nayar: One of the main items which have resulted in the increase seems to be the increasing price of the refractories. Have the Government of India exhausted all steps to get the refractories required for this plant manufactured in this country and if so, with what result?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The presumption in the first part of the question is not accepted. The suggestion that the main increase has been due to the import of refractories is not a fact and it is not correct. In the original estimates with regard to some of the steel plants refractories were to be manufactured inside the country and therefore, the foreign exchange complement was a little less. Later on it was discovered that we could not do this and certain refractories had also to be imported and this resulted not only an increase in the estimates because the price of imported refractories was higher, but also in the increase of the foreign exchange complement. It has always been the endeavour to utilise the refractories manufactured in India for these purposes and there is no surplus capacity in the country which remains unutilised.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I want to explain

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is here to ask questions and not explain.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Will you kindly see the answer? It says:

"The differences are due to the following factors:

(a) Additions and improvements made to the project reports;

(b) Purchase abroad of structural steel work, refractories and such stores which it was originally thought, could be procured from India. Prices abroad of these items are generally higher than in India."

Mr. Speaker: He has answered distinctly. Originally, it has been thought that this may be manufactured here. Later on, it was discovered that all refractories could not be manufactured. So, some of them had to be imported. That is the answer he has given.

Death of "Frogman" Pethkar

*85. { **Shri M. Elias:**
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 867 on the 13th August, 1957 and to Starred Question No. 1603 on the 9th September, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the final report on the death of "Frogman" Pethkar has been received;

(b) if so, the main findings of the Report; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in obtaining the report?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Patesingh-rao Gaekwad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report is under examination. The findings will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha after the examination is complete.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Joachim Alva: We have had a fair amount of training of our Navy at the hands of the British Admiralty. Is the course for frogmen one of the courses receiving attention at the hands of the British Admiralty?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I hope not so; I do not know.

Mr. Speaker: Question No 86.

Shri S. V. Ramaswami: Question No. 97 is an allied subject.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow any tagging.

Fertilizer Plant at Neiveli

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*86. { **Shri S. V. Ramaswami:**
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Narasimhan:

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

(a) whether any orders have since been placed for the supply of plant and machinery for setting up the Fertilizer Plant at Neiveli;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the same is likely to be placed?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). Orders have not yet been placed for the supply of plant and machinery for the Fertilizer Plant to be set up at Neiveli. The project scheme has just been considered and approved by the Neiveli Lignite Corporation. The scheme has yet to be sanctioned by the Government. Steps for placing orders will be taken thereafter

Shri S. V. Ramaswami: Are our foreign exchange difficulties in any way tending to slow down the implementation of this project?

Sardar Swaran Singh: May be, but I would not make a case one way or the other. As things progress it will become clear as to whether we can carry out all the various components of the scheme within the foreign exchange resources available.

Shri S. V. Ramaswami: In answer to question No. 97 it is stated in the statement that the project report of the fertilizer plant has been scrutinised. Have global tenders been invit-

ed? If so, what is the capital outlay proposed for the fertilizer plant?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not know why he should presume an answer to a question which has not yet been reached. However, the factual position is this. I have stated here that steps for placing the orders will be taken after the scheme is sanctioned by the Government.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether the plant and machinery for the fertiliser plant will be purchased out of the loan to be given by the Soviet Union?

Sardar Swaran Singh: No, Sir. The list of projects qualified for the utilisation of that credit has already been finalised. The thermal power station attached to the Neiveli project is one of the projects but not the fertiliser plant.

Shri P. C. Bose: Has it been proved by experiments that lignite coal produces sufficient heat necessary in a fertiliser plant for the production of chemical fertilisers?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not think that much of heat is necessary to produce fertilisers. It is a chemical combination where certain types of gases have, by the interaction of the chemical forces, to be converted into another substance. I do not think that the heat part is really important.

Price Structure of Petroleum Products

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*87. { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Shivananjappa:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:
Shri Rajagopala Rao:
Shri Braj Raj Singh:
Shri Anirudh Saha:

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

(a) the existing basis for determining the prices of petroleum products;