

"Journal of Industry and Trade", January 1959 and state:

(a) the reason why the production of ferro-alloys and direct castings are on the decline since 1954, and

(b) whether Government contemplate taking any steps to improve the position with respect to the production of these?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix II, annexure No 103]

Mysore-Bombay Border Dispute

*612. Shri N. R. Munisamy: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the latest position regarding the border disputes between Mysore and Bombay?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): The matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Western Zonal Council held on 28th December, 1968. The Chief Minister of Mysore has now made some proposals on the subject which have been forwarded to the Chief Minister of Bombay. The two Chief Ministers are being consulted about further discussion of the proposals made by them.

Training of Naval Personnel Abroad

*613. Shri Siddananajappa: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state

(a) whether Naval personnel are still being sent abroad for getting training,

(b) if so, the courses for which they are sent, and

(c) what steps Government are taking to make the Indian Navy completely self-sufficient in the training of officers and men?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Officers are being deputed abroad for training in Naval Courses

in connection with commissioning of new ships and highly technical courses for which facilities are not available in India

(c) Every effort is being made to achieve self-sufficiency in training. For this purpose, officers are being trained as instructors here and abroad and also training equipment is being procured

Engineering Colleges

*614 { Shri Ram Krishan:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 612 on the 5th December, 1968 and state

(a) whether the scheme for the establishment of eight Centrally sponsored engineering colleges has since been considered and finalised, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir, and the State Governments concerned have been informed

(b) The detailed estimates of costs etc are being worked out but the main features of the scheme are that the Central Government will meet the entire approved cost of college buildings and equipment and 50 per cent of the approved recurring expenditure for the first five years. The Central Government will also provide the entire approved cost for hostels as interest free loans and for staff quarters 50 per cent of the approved cost as grants-in-aid and the balance as loans at the current rates of interest. Excepting the College at Srinagar, which will have an annual admission capacity of 120 students, the other colleges will have an annual admission capacity of 250 students. Admission to all the colleges will be made on an all-India basis.