

Abandonment of Jabalpur Foundry Project

*1036. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Ram Shankar Lal:

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

(a) whether any loss has been incurred by Government due to the abandonment of Jabalpur foundry project;

(b) if so, the amount thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for abandoning the project; and

(d) whether the materials and machinery for the project have been disposed of and how far this has made good the loss?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d) The matter is being examined with reference to the observations made by the Public Accounts Committee in Para. 23 of the 11th Report (Second Lok Sabha) and a Memorandum will be placed before them in consultation with the Accountant General, Posts & Telegraphs. The required information would become available to the Members as soon as the Public Accounts Committee have examined the matter.

West German Agricultural Delegation

*1037. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 569 on the 4th December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report from the West German Agricultural Delegation which visited this country with a view to assist India's agricultural development; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jais): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में लकड़ी के बारे में सर्वेक्षण

*१०३८. श्री पद्म देव: क्या कृषि तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश के चम्पा और मण्डी जिलों में लकड़ी और इमारती लकड़ी का सर्वेक्षण करने के लिये नियुक्त की गई समिति में अग्रता काम पूरा कर लिया है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उस का काम कब तक पूरा होगा ?

काया तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए. प्र. जैन): (क) टिम्बर डिमण्ड (लोकल) इन्क्वायरी कमेटी [The Timber Demand (Local) Enquiry Committee] ने मण्डी जिले में मंत्र का कार्य दिनांक: १९५८ में पूरा कर लिया है। चम्पा जिले में कार्य मंत्री मॉगम के समाप्त होने के बाद आरम्भ किया जायेगा।

(ख) कार्य जितना सम्भव होगा, जल्दी से जल्दी पूरा किया जायेगा।

American Liberty Ships

*1039. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 301 on the 4th December, 1955 and state the further progress made in connection with the purchase of American Liberty Ships?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): There has been no further progress so far. As already stated earlier, there is now little or no advantage in our trying to acquire these vessels, which are becoming older and older day by day and therefore less and less attractive to our shipowners.