

**Nautical and Engineering College,
Bombay**

*1056. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether the construction of new building for the Nautical and Engineering College at Bombay has started;

(b) if so, the progress made up to date; and

(c) when it is expected to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) and (c). A plot of land measuring about 4.5 acres at Sewri in Bombay has already been acquired and the construction is expected to be taken in hand shortly

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know what is the total amount that has been set apart for this construction?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The cost of the first phase of the project is Rs 32 lakhs for construction and Rs. 26.5 lakhs for purchase of land. For the second phase, it is Rs. 14 lakhs for construction and Rs 9 lakhs for land

Shri Subodh Hansda: This is a long standing proposal. May I know what is the reason for the delay in the construction of this building?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We had to find a suitable site for the college in Bombay. That is a problem by itself. We have succeeded in finding and fixing up one and also in acquiring and taking possession of it in April last only.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how the buildings where the colleges are located at present will be utilised afterwards?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That particular plot of land on which these buildings stand belongs to the Government of Bombay, and the buildings are those of the Navy Club. The buildings

are sought to be acquired by the Government of Bombay on the one hand, and by the Sardar Vallabhai Patel Memorial Trust on the other.

Shri Tangamani: May I know how many students are now studying in the engineering college in the existing buildings, and whether there is any co-ordination between this engineering college and the Marine Engineering College at Calcutta?

Shri Raj Bahadur: There is co-ordination in the sense that they do cater to distinct syllabi and courses of training. So far as the number of students is concerned, I do not think that question arises from this question that pertains to buildings. I have to ask for further notice.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question

Shri Tangamani: My point was this. Because more and more students are coming into this engineering college...

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member may take some other opportunity. I am sorry; I have passed on to the next question.

**Patharkandi-Dharamanagar Railway
Line**

{ Shri Bangshi Thakur:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
*1058. { Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
Shri Pahadia:
Shri Dasaratha Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 3451 on the 23rd April, 1959, and state the progress since made in regard to the survey of Patharkandi-Dharamanagar Railway Line for linking Tripura with the rest of India?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Field work for Final Location Survey of the proposed line will be taken in hand during the coming working season after the rains.