

**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.

**Shri Achar:** May I know whether this line is in connection with exploitation of mineral wealth or for the development of any port?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** No

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** May I know how much money has already been spent on this work, and when this work is expected to be completed?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** For the final location survey, Rs 75,000 have been allotted, and as I said, the work will be taken up after this rainy season is over.

**Shri Bangshi Thakur:** First, we were told that the general survey and the acquisition of the land would be completed during the Second Plan period, and the installation of the railway line would be made during the Third Plan period. Now, the hon. Minister says that the general survey and the acquisition of land would be taken up after the next rainy season is over. That contradicts the previous assurance. I want to know what the correct position is?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** I am sorry there is a slight misunderstanding in the mind of the hon. Member. I have stated that the preliminary engineering survey has been done. Now, the present study is for the final location survey. That is being done. As a matter of fact, it has been taken up as a special case, and advance action is being taken in the Second Five Year Plan itself.

**Shri Bangshi Thakur:** May I know whether the installation of the railway line would be completed in the early part of the Third Five Year Plan period?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** I hope it will be taken up in the early part of the Third Five Year Plan.

**Shri Achar:** My question has not been answered.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That is gone now; after that, three questions have been put already. Now, next question.

### Steel Allotment to Bombay

\*1059 **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that steel allotted to Bombay State for agricultural purposes is not commensurate with the demand of steel in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the quantity of steel supplied to Bombay State under agricultural quota during 1958-59?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) and (b) Due to inadequate production of iron and steel in the country and difficult foreign exchange position only a limited quantity was made available for allotment for agricultural purposes. The Bombay Government's demand for iron and steel for agricultural purposes could, therefore, be met only partially.

(c) During 1958-59, a quantity of 11,533 tons was supplied.

**Shri Pangarkar:** May I know the quantity of steel proposed to be supplied during the current year?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** The total demand from the various people in 1958-59 has been 424,000 tons, and the concerned Ministry, namely the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel has allotted us only 1,14,000 tons, which is not even 25 per cent of the total demand, out of that, we have already despatched 55,000 tons to the various States.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** May I know how far Government were able to supply the requirements of the agriculturists, in regard to iron and steel, to the other States?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** We could supply only about 22 per cent of the total requirements to these States, because the concerned Ministry is not able to give us more because of shortage of steel and shortage of foreign exchange.