

tries. The shortage in this particular sector may be about 25,000 tons.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know by what time this shortage could be met from our own indigenous production?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is our estimate that as soon as all the three national steel plants go into full production, perhaps the position will be much easier, though at the rate at which the demand for steel consumption is going up I am not quite sure whether the position will be completely eased even then.

#### Manufacture of Dairy Machinery

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\*1018. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri R. C. Majhi:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture the complete range of Dairy machinery in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the firm which proposes to manufacture it;

(c) whether any collaboration with other firms has been sought for; and

(d) if so, the names of the firms who intend to collaborate?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

Government have recently approved three schemes for the manufacture of a wide range of Dairy machinery. These are:—

Name of the Indian firm	Name of the foreign collaborators
1. M's Larson & Toubre Ltd.	1. M's Silkeborg Maskinfabrik, Denmark.
	2. M's Wright Hargreaves Engg. Co. U.K.
2. M's Alfa Laval India (P) Ltd.	M's A. B. Separators Stockholm, Sweden.
3. M's Vulcan Trading Co.(P) Ltd.	M's Graham Brock Manufacturing Co. Ltd., U.K.

The actual sites of these units at (2) and (3) above are still not finalised by the parties concerned.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** From the statement I find that there are three Indian firms collaborating with three foreign firms. May I know the nature of the collaboration?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The nature of the collaboration is broadly to cover the entire range of the dairy industry. As, in the third Plan, we propose to establish a large number of dairies both in the public and the private sector and also in the co-operative sector, these three firms have been licensed for the entire range of dairy machinery.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** From the statement I find that the sites for two of the firms have not yet been finalised while the site for the first firm has been finalised. May I know where the plant will be located?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** We have not had any indication about it; it may be somewhere in the region of West Bengal, but they have not yet definitely named the place. A survey is taking place and the sites will be located according to the expert opinion. One firm is already manufacturing dairy machinery in the Bombay State.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether any part of this machinery is being manufactured in India at present and is supplied?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** About 35 per cent—perhaps a little more than that—of dairy machinery is even now being made, and particularly a wide range of the washing part of the dairy industry is now being manufactured in India.

#### Rise in Price of Silver

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\*1019. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.