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Wednesday 13th April, 1960/24th
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Castings for Railway Tracks

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- *1455. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hanada:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadl:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 493 on the 25th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether negotiations with the technical collaborators in the U.K. for setting up a steel foundry at Chittaranjan to produce steel castings for railway tracks have been finalised; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) on successful conclusion of the negotiations, a collaboration agreement with M/s. F. H. Lloyd & Co. of U.K. was executed on 31-1-1960.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the main terms of the agreement?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: It is a longish agreement. The main terms of the agreement are that the firm will advise us and help us to purchase the machinery, train our people and

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generally put up the foundry. In compensation for that, they will be paid £ 100,000.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know what will be the approximate production of this foundry?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Initially it would be 7,000 tons per year but expandable to 10,000 tons a year later on.

Shri S. C. Samanta: We were informed that it will take three years to complete it. May I know whether the construction and installation work has begun?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The agreement has just been signed. Before the actual construction work starts, lots of drawings and designs and all those things have to be done. The actual construction work will start in August, 1960 and the plant will go into production by the end of 1962.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any change was made in the final draft agreement that was sent to U.K.?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I am not aware of any change. The agreement has just been signed.

श्री पद्म देव : इस समय रेलवे ट्रैक्स की कितनी आवश्यकता है और यह फाउंडरी कब तक इस आवश्यकता को पूरा कर सकेगी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खॉं : मैं ने अभी बताया कि सन् १९६२ के आखिर तक वह काम शुरू कर देगी । वह हमारे लिए सिर्फ रेलवे ट्रैक्स ही तैयार नहीं करेगी बल्कि लोकोमोटिव बनाने के लिए और दूसरे भी कास्टिंग तैयार करेगी । इस आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए इसको बनाया जा रहा है । उम्मीद है कि यह काफी हद तक हमारी जरूरियात को पूरा करेगी ।

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what are the sources of supply of steel castings at present, whether they are indigenous or foreign?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: A large number of them are indigenous. But some have to be imported.

Shri Tangamani: In view of the fact that steel castings are now made outside Chittaranjan and as a result of this delays are caused, may I know whether this agreement that has taken some time will be followed up and by what time this foundry will be set up?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I just said that the actual construction work will start in August, 1960 and the foundry will go into production by the end of 1962. We are trying to expedite matters as much as we can.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether other countries were also approached about this collaboration and whether any expert will be there in Chittaranjan?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: It was a global tender and keeping everything in view this firm was selected. The firm will keep an expert engineer and six technicians at Chittaranjan until such time as the plant goes into production.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether the Government are aware that the officers have been representing that this delay is avoidable and the plant can go into production as it is being done in Rourkela? If so, may I know whether the Government will take measures to see that it goes into production at least in the next year?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We will try and take utmost benefit from it and whatever is possible, will be done.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know out of the estimated cost of Rs. 2.5 crores, what is the amount of stores that will be supplied by the firm which is collaborating in the setting up of this plant?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The firm will not supply any stores.

Invention of Agricultural Implements

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*1456. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to award prizes every year to the inventors of new tools of agriculture;

(b) if so, whether this proposal has been finalised; and

(c) the date from which such prizes will be awarded? *

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). The Indian Council of Agricultural Research sanctioned in 1956 a scheme for award of prizes for effecting improvements in certain agricultural implements, a list of which is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 96].

There will be two prizes for each of the implements. The maximum first prize will be Rs. 1,000 and the minimum second prize will be Rs. 300. The results of the competition will be announced shortly.

Besides, a proposal for institution of a prize and a President's Gold Medal for making an outstanding contribution in the field of production of improved agricultural implements is also under active consideration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at present.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister just now stated that the proposal was finalised in the year 1956. May I know why there was so much delay in awarding the prizes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It depends upon what we get as a result of the competition. Although it was intended that we should do it yearly, I do