

intended to manufacture the locomotive portion here. In the initial stages, of course, a certain percentage of the components will be imported components, the intention being that the locomotives should be one hundred per cent. indigenous in the course of two years, and the engines in the course of five years.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Supply of Electricity from Hirakud to Madhya Pradesh

*125. { Shri Vidya Charan Shukla.
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 63 on the 17th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether further action on the recommendations of the Hirakud Control Board about supply of 5,000 kw. of power by the end of 1961 to Madhya Pradesh has been taken by the Government of Orissa; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The recommendation of the Hirakud Control Board is still under the consideration of the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Integral Coach Factory, Perambur

*131. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent up to date on the permanent furnishing unit at the Integral Coach Factory, Perambur; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to accelerate the pace of work?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Rs. 63.30 lakhs to end of January, 1960.

(b) No special proposal to accelerate the present pace of work is envisaged.

Atomic Isotopes for Agricultural Production

*132. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up a project to produce atomic isotopes to increase agricultural production;

(b) if so, the details of the plan and expenditure involved; and

(c) the nature of foreign assistance, if any, required for the purpose of collaboration?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): The question will be answered by the Prime Minister in due course.

Death of Indian Seamen on S. S. "Seistan"

*135. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Prabhat Kar:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2881 on the 9th April, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the report of the inquiry into the death at sea of 45 Indian seamen and serious injury to five others employed on a British ship S.S. "SEISTAN" last year has since been received and examined; and

(b) whether proper compensation has been given to the victims and their families?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.