

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, we did learn from the authority of the Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir that such an incident occurred in Pakistan, wherever it may be; if so, may I know whether this was discussed at the recent meeting of the Finance Ministers of the two countries held at Rawalpindi?

Mr. Speaker: He is not aware of this. What is the good of asking this?

Marine Diesel Engines

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*1521. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rami Reddy:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to set up Marine Diesel Engines Factory is under consideration of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Committee has been set up to recommend steps to be taken to encourage indigenous production of such materials and equipment;

(c) the main recommendations of the Committee;

(d) the place where the factory would be set up; and

(e) the total amount to be spent on it?

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

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The question of establishment of the Marine Diesel Engine Project during the Third Five Year Plan is at present under the active consideration of Government. The production programme of the project will have to be synchronised with the creation of additional capacity for ship-building during the Third Plan.

The details of the project, its capacity, cost and location are yet to be finalised.

Shri D. C. Sharma: From the statement I find that this project will be included in the third Five Year Plan. May I know what preliminary steps are being taken in order to that the real picture of this project is placed before the Third Five Year Plan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Even a little more than preliminary steps have been completed. Tenders have been received; the end-products have been examined; estimates have been made. It is now only a question as to whether during the heavy commitments of the Third Five Year Plan, we can find resources for this public sector project along with the other projects or not.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what is the approximate value of this project which makes the hon. Minister think that it may not be included in the Third Five Year Plan, perhaps because of the cost being very prohibitive and so on?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There are several heavy industrial projects awaiting approval of the Government from the financial point of view. This project, is going to cost about Rs. 5 crores to Rs. 6 crores. So, it is a question of relative priority—which of those projects which are still held in abeyance for consideration should get the necessary national priority.

Shri Rami Reddy: Is it not a fact that the Andhra Government have suggested that this factory may be located in Visakhapatnam in view of the ship-building yard there and in view of the fact that Andhra is very backward in the matter of location of industries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: That consideration has never arisen, but the location is going to be at the Visakhapatnam shipyard. So, neither the consideration of the State Governments or of any other authorities are involved in this.

Shri Palaniyandy: May I know whether the Government are also thinking of having a loco diesel engine in this context?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Not included this. There is a separate railway programme. Here, it is only about turbine engines, internal combustion engines and other apparatus for ships.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Part of the question relates to the setting up of a committee to recommend steps in regard to indigenous production. May I know, in reply to that part of the question, whether such a committee has been set up? There is no reply given in the statement.

Shri Manubhai Shah: Not one but several committees have worked on these projects. As I said, this was completed by the very first committee. Since then, much has been accomplished. It is now only a question of timing the proper allocation.

Shri Goray: May I know whether in view of the heavy commitments of the Government this will be handed over to the private sector or whether it will be dropped altogether?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir. As far as this is concerned, of course, there is nothing to prevent Government handing over a particular project to the private sector, but this is not an attractive proposition for any private sector as such, because most of the parts and the components are best fitted in to the ships to be built at Visakhapatnam or Cochin. Therefore, more or less it will have to be connected with the shipyard project.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: This project is included in the second Five Year Plan. But it could not be taken up due to foreign exchange difficulties. Hence, why not priority be given to it in the third Plan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There were several projects which had to be

adjusted even in the second Plan. There was nothing like a definite inclusion of any particular project which has been left out in the second Plan itself, to be included in the third Plan. In the third Plan, these very national considerations of different projects compete for the priority and these priorities and the national resources will weigh with this project also.

Shri Rami Reddy: Part (b) of the question asks:

“Whether it is also a fact that a committee has been set up to recommend steps to be taken to encourage indigenous production of such materials and equipment;”

May I know whether this factory is going to be set up with any foreign collaboration or only with local experts?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It will have the nature of a very adequate foreign collaboration, because on this depends much of the fuel economy of the shipyard itself.

Shri D. C. Sharma: In view of the fact that the inclusion of this project is very doubtful in the third Five Year Plan, I want to know why the time of so many committees has been utilised in preparing a plan for the project about whose inclusion the hon. Minister himself is very doubtful?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I am not doubtful. I am always a hopeful person as far as these projects are concerned and the efforts which are made always come to fruition if we persist in the efforts. So, it is not a question of any type of despair or anything like that.

Shri Hem Barua: The statement says that the production programme of the project will have to be synchronised with the creation of additional capacity for ship-building during the third Plan. May I know what steps are taken to increase the additional capacity for ship-building in the

country so that this project might materialise?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I would not like to enlarge the question relating to the machinery for the ships to a second ship-building yard. My hon. colleague has adequately dealt with the question of the second shipyard at Cochin.

Colony for Displaced Persons at Kalkaji

*1522. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the time likely to be taken for preparation of the layout plans for the proposed colony at Kalkaji for displaced persons from East Pakistan; and

(b) the procedure to be followed in making allotments to displaced persons?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) The Central Public Works Department have been asked to prepare a contour survey of the area. The layout plans will be prepared after that. It is difficult to state at this stage as to when the plans would be ready.

(b) The procedure for allotment of plots has not yet been laid down.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know when the loan applications will be invited for making allotments?

Shri P. S. Naskar: As I said, first we will make these plots ready and then in due time we will ask for applications.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know what is the approximate area that has been proposed for this colony?

Shri P. S. Naskar: It is not possible to say it; we have requested the CPWD to make the contour survey and I am just today told that the CPWD has made the contour survey. Now they will make a lay-out plan. After these plans are ready we will be in a position to say what the area will be.

Shri P. C. Borooah: Do the Government propose to give any loan for house-building?

Shri P. S. Naskar: Those things have not yet been considered.

Industrial Design Institute

*1526. **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply give to Starred Question No. 1803 on the 14th April, 1959 and state:

(a) whether any Industrial Design Institute has been opened in India; and

(b) if so, when and where?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The details of the scheme of an Industrial Design Institute are being worked out. No decision has yet been taken regarding its location.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know if it is not a fact that already steps have been taken to set up an industrial design institute in Bombay?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know whether any industrial design institute is in existence in India?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As far as this type of institute is concerned, this will be the first of its kind. But several attempts are being made to improve the industrial designs in the different polytechnics and engineering colleges.

Chinese Incursions in Ladakh

*1529. **Shri Pahadia:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's Resident Representative in the U. N. O. has referred to Chinese incursions in Ladakh in his recent letter to the President of U. N. O.; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?