

matters are cleared, steps will have to be taken for getting out a project report or a project study, depending upon the recommendations.

**Shri Rami Reddy:** May I know if it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh made out a case for the location of a steel plant in Andhra Pradesh and had addressed a communication to the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel, and that the Ministry has written a reply to the Andhra Pradesh Government to the effect that, while considering the location of the fifth steel plant, the case would be considered favourably?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I do remember having received a communication from Andhra Pradesh Government about their interest in having a steel plant located in that State also. I think they have also appointed some sort of a departmental committee to look into the preliminaries. But beyond that, I do not know if any specific thing has happened yet or not.

**Shri Narasimhan:** May I know whether the committee will look into the question of the possibility or advisability of having pilot plants in Neiveli or Salem?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I do not think an experimental or pilot plant will satisfy anybody. They want a regular plant. Already we have got an experimental plant at Jamshedpur.

**Some Hon. Members rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** I have allowed 25 supplementaries.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** 27.

**Mr. Speaker:** Every hon. Member other than the man who comes from the South has been allowed. Next question.

#### **Air-space Violation in N.E.F.A.**

**\*446. Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he, in his press conference at Bombay on the 14th May, 1960, said that China might be violating our air space on NEFA Border innocently;

(b) if so, whether our Government have lodged and protest about this innocent air space violation; and

(c) if so, the reply received from the China Government?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** (a) to (c). In the press conference held at Bombay on 14th May, 1960, the Defence Minister stated that there had been violation of Indian air space over NEFA by unidentified aircraft coming from the Tibet region of China. Government had lodged a protest with the Chinese Government on 4th April, 1960 for the violation in question. In reply the Chinese Government stated that no flight of Chinese aircraft over Indian territory ever occurred at all.

**Shri Assar:** May I know how the Defence Minister came to know that these air space violations were innocent in nature?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** The Defence Minister has not said he said so.

**Shri Assar:** Then, may I know why the statement was not contradicted by the Defence Minister?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** It cannot be a possible part of my duty to contradict everything that appears in the newspapers.

**Shri Vajpayee:** It has been just stated that some unidentified planes coming from the side of Tibet violated our air space. Are we to understand that our defence preparations are so inadequate that we are not in a position even to identify the planes that violate our air space?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** However adequate the preparations are, it is not possible to identify a 'plane' at certain heights.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** After the statement made by the Defence Minister in Bombay, may I know whether the violation of our air space in NEFA has ceased or is it going on still?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** I was asked a question about a particular violation and I answered it in the terms the Deputy Minister read out. There is no question of reference to innocent violation, because intrusion of foreign aircraft in that area of our sky space cannot be innocent at any time. With regard to other violations, if a separate question is put down, I will answer it.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to reports appearing in a number of papers that some of these flights by unidentified planes may be due to reconnaissance flights being carried out by 'planes based from some of the SEATO bases in Thailand and South Viet-Nam?

**Shri Krishna Menon:** We have seen such reports. That is why it is said they are unidentified 'planes. In our present position and relation to China, we naturally made a protest them, but they have said, "they are not our 'Planes". We have no means of identifying them or even shooting them down at that height.

**Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute**

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- \*448. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri R. C. Majhi:**  
**Shri Nek Ram Negi:**

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 480 on the 29th February, 1960 and state the progress made so far in establishing the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute from the U.N. Special Fund?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun

**Kabir):** The Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute is being established mainly with funds provided by the Government of India. The contribution from the U.N. Special Fund in terms of equipment, experts and training fellowship amounting to about \$700,000 is approximately 15 per cent of the total cost of the Institute. No assistance from the Fund has been received so far, as according to the agreement, United Nations aid will start only when the buildings of the Institute have been completed. But an expert under the agreement, Mr. H. W. Baker, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Manchester University is expected in India during October, 1960 for a period of three months to advise on the detailed planning of the project.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know when this Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute will start functioning?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** In a sense, the work has already started. But the first phase of the construction will be completed by 1961, when the work will start on a regular basis.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether this Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute will deal with problems connected with all types of engineering or only a particular type of engineering—mechanical engineering?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** It is a mechanical engineering research institute.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know when the final selection of the location was made?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** As I said, the construction has been taken in hand and a number of workshops have already been finished.

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