

Mines Company for import of rock phosphate.

(b) and (c). Yes, but the rates for rock phosphate of different origins are not strictly comparable because of differences in specifications.

Aluminium Plant at Mettur

*542. { **Shri Tangamani:**
 { **Shri Kunhan:**

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

(a) whether the Aluminium Plant at Mettur, Madras State whose foundation stone was laid by Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri on the 10th June, 1961 will go into production before the end of the current year;

(b) if not, what is the time schedule; and

(c) whether the Madras Aluminium Company Ltd. have submitted their programme for construction and other allied work?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir. According to the terms of the licence issued under the Industries (D. & R.) Act, 1951, the proposed aluminium smelter at Mettur (Madras) will be established by the end of 1962.

(c) Submission of detailed programme of construction and allied work to the Government of India is not necessary. However, as reported, work is proceeding according to schedule.

Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

*543. { **Shri Pramathanath**
 { **Banerjee:**
 { **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**
 { **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. have claimed that their products are priced lower than those imported from outside;

(b) if so, what is the difference on percentage basis between the price of an imported machine and that manufactured in the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. have proposed to export their products; and

(d) if so, what machinery and tools and where do they propose to export?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The percentage difference varies for different machines.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Company is conducting negotiations with their European Technical Collaborators for supply of H.M.T. machine tools in the European market.

Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal

*544. { **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**
 { **Shri Yadav Narayan**
 { **Jadhav:**
 { **Shri Rajendra Singh:**
 { **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:**
 { **Shri Naval Prabhakar:**
 { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
 { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**
 { **Shri Vajpayee:**
 { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
 { **Shri Assar:**
 { **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:**
 { **Shri P. G. Deb:**
 { **Shri Muhammed Elias:**
 { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
 { **Maharajkumar Vijaya**
 { **Ananda:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a strike by all trainees of the