Mines Company for import of rock

(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

\*543. 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 Hindurtan Machine Tools Ltd. have claimed that their products are priced lower than those imported from outside:

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(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

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

Heavy Electrical Ltd., Bhopal resulting in complete stoppage of work there;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of trainees involved in the strike;

(d) the total loss suffered by the factory as a result of the strike;

(e) the duration of the strike; and (f) the steps taken to end the strike?

The Minister of Industy (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (f). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 28].

#### Facilities to Trade Unions

\*545. Shri D. C. Sharma: Shri Indrajit Gupta: Shri Kodiyan: Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided in accordance with the Pay Commission's recommendations to extend certain facilities to recognized trade unions; and

(b) if so, what are they?

The Deputy Minister of Planning and Labour and Employment (Shri L. N. Mishra); (a) and (b). A statement showing the facilities extended to recognised trade unions is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 29].

#### **Opthalmic Glass Plant**

\*546. Shri Subodh Hansda: Shri Nek Ram Negi: Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri D. C. Sharma: Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

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

(a) the progress made so far in the direction of setting up of the Opthalmic Glass Plant in collaboration with Russia: and 1883 (SAKA) Written Answers 2288

(b) when the plant will start production?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The Detailed Project Report has been received on the 24th July, 1961 and is under consideration.

(b) The plant is expected to go into production sometime in 1963.

#### Sheet Glass Plant at Hyderabad

# \*547. { Shri Pangarkar: Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 150 on the 20th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the revised proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Government for setting up of a sheet glass plant at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the same?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The Andhra Government are discussing the project with some foreign and Indian experts and would be submitting their proposals to us when ready.

#### **Bonus Commission**

Shri Ram Krisha<sub>n</sub> Gupta: Shri Kunhan:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
\*548. Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri A. M. Tariq:
Shri Arjun Singh
Bhadauria:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bonus Commission has started its work; and