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Monday, August 28, 1961/Bhadra 6,
1883 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indian Troops for Congo

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- { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Chuni Lal;
Shri M. B. Thakore;
*989. { Shri Vajpayee:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Amjad Ali:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received further request from U.N.O. to send more troops for Congo; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request is under consideration. However, since the request was made, a new Government has been formed in the Congo and the question now under consideration is whether it will be necessary for the U.N. to send more troops to that country.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: What is the number of Indian troops in Congo at present?

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The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): I think they probably amount to 5,000 including hospital people, because there are a large number of hospital people too.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that 16 plane-loads of Indian troops under the command of United Nations have been flown to Katanga to disarm the troops there and, if so, what is the reaction of the Government to that?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: If I may say so with great respect, I do not understand what to say when questions are being asked on our reactions to something. When somebody else does a thing like this, it is not with our previous approval; but, broadly speaking, there is no reaction at all this way or that way. The authorities there are taking steps to strengthen the Central Government and disarm certain rather rebellious elements in Katanga. So far as that objective is concerned, we are entirely in favour of it.

Shri M. B. Thakore: In view of the fact that there are some press reports that our troops will be replaced by Algerian troops, may I know from the hon. Prime Minister whether our troops will remain with our troops in the Congo in the same command, or whether they will be scattered all over Congo under U.N. Command with other U.N. troops?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I have not quite understood the question. Regarding the latter part of the question about whether our troops are scattered all over, they are kept, if not in one

unit, in two or three units. They are under the command of their own officers. And there are certain conditions under which they have been sent which have been observed.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Parliamentary Secretary has just now stated that because a Government is formed in Congo, the United Nations may not have any need for more Indian troops, may I know whether they are going to repatriate the existing Indian troops?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: Naturally, when they are not wanted and not required, they will be repatriated.

Paper Manufacturing Machinery

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*981. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chuni Lal:
Shri Kodliyan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1545 on the 14th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal received from an American concern for setting up a plant in India for paper manufacturing machinery; and

(b) if so, the result, thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, has since been issued to a joint venture company with Indian and American collaboration for setting up of a plant for the manufacture of Pulp and Paper Mill machinery in the Madras State.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: The hon. Minister has just now stated that the proposal is to set up this plant in Madras State. May I know whether any offer has been received from Madras State for its location and, if so, the name of the place?

Shri Manubhai Shah: There is no question of any offer. The two par-

ties, the Indian party and the American party, chose a site in Madras. So, the licence has been issued in favour of Madras.

डा० गोविन्द बांस : ग्रामी सरकार के कई जगह कारखाने हैं, जैसे जबलपुर में ग्राइन्स फैक्टरी है और अन्य कारखाना है जहां मोटरों वगैरह कई चीजें बनायी जाती हैं। क्या वहां इस प्रकार की मैशिनरी नहीं बनायी जा सकती? क्या इस बारे में कोई जानकारी प्राप्त की गयी है?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : मैशिनरी इतना रह से नहीं बनायी जा सकती। यह तो सारा कम्प्लीट प्रोजेक्ट होता है जैसे पेपर के कारखाने का है, सीमेंट के कारखाने का है, शुगर के कारखाने का है। हर एक के अलग अलग मैशिन टूल और अलग अलग टेकनालाजी होती है। जैसे और मैकड़ों कारखाने एमटेबलिंग हो रहे हैं वैसे ही यह भी एक कारखाना है।

Shri Heda: May I know whether the proposed plant will be able to cater to our entire needs in the expansion of manufacture of paper?

Shri Manubhai Shah: No, Sir. It will cater to 10 to 15 per cent. of our needs. We have approved another six schemes, of which two are already under production.

Shri Kamal Singh: May I know the capacity of the plants?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Two complete plants of paper mills with their ancillaries to be brought from the sub-contractors, each of the value of Rs. 5 crores.

Shri Kamal Singh: I want to know the physical capacity of the plant.

Shri Manubhai Shah: They are not tonnages. They are complete machinery of 50 to 100 ton per day plant worth Rs. 5 crores each, two per year.