

(b) if so, where the plant is to be located; and

(c) what progress has so far been made in the implementation of the project?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir; The Heavy Plate and Vessel and Heavy Structural Works will be located in Wardha area of Maharashtra.

(c) Negotiations for securing suitable technical and financial collaboration are about to be completed.

Holy Shrines in Pakistan

*241. { **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to hold a meeting of the Joint Committee pertaining to holy shrines left in Pakistan in accordance with the talks between the Rehabilitation Ministers of India and Pakistan last July; and

(b) if so, the agenda for such meeting?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. In a meeting between the Rehabilitation Minister of India and Pakistan at Calcutta in July 1961, Pakistan agreed to hold the second meeting of the Indo-Pakistan Joint Committee on Shrines in New Delhi. Steps are being taken to convene the meeting in the near future.

(b) A tentative agenda for this meeting was drawn up during the First Meeting of the Joint Committee on Shrines at Karachi in January, 1958. The main items included in it were (i) funds for the maintenance and repairs of the Shrines, (ii) The appointment of caretakers and (iii) facilities for the visits of pilgrims.

Trade Delegations

*242. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

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

(a) whether trade delegations from Cuba, United Arab Republic, Malaya, Ceylon and a number of East European countries have recently visited India;

(b) if so, whether these visits have led to any new agreements for promotion of trade and details thereof;

(c) whether any Indian trade delegations have recently visited foreign countries; and

(d) if so, which countries were visited and the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (d). During 1961, delegations from Ceylon, Malaya, Poland and U.A.R. visited India, but none from Cuba.

A trade agreement was signed with Ceylon. The Malayan delegation held discussions on the question of promoting trade generally, but no trade agreement was signed. The schedules attached to the Indo-Polish trade and payments agreement listing the commodities and products to be exchanged between the two countries were made valid for the year 1962. A protocol to the existing trade agreement with the U.A.R. was also signed. Copies of these documents have been supplied to the Parliament Library.

A trade delegation from India visited Iran and a trade agreement was signed with that country, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. A goodwill economic mission led by the Minister of Commerce also visited Italy at the invitation of the Italian Government.