

building the two and half to four ships a year

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know, Sir, how far is the report correct, if at all, that the ship-building activities in this Yard have slackened since the change-over?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The answer is already implicit, Sir, in the one that I have given just now. Work has slackened to some extent because of the shortage in the matter of supply of steel. Apart from that, there has been no slackening of work in the Shipyard.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know, Sir, if the employees and workers of the shipyard have got work all round the year, or if not, for what period they are idle, and why?

Shri K. C. Reddy: That cannot be answered categorically in a single sentence. In the Shipyard at present a certain number of labour is classed as what is known as 'allocated labour' and a certain number as 'unallocated labour'. It depends upon the quantum of work that is there in the Shipyard from time to time.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, the total cost of the proposals made by the French firm?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The total cost of the proposals? No figure has been struck like that. The French firm have submitted a report only recently to the company and the Government are yet to receive it. And so far as I know, the cost side of it has not been worked out so far. But I may as well inform the hon. member that a provision of 14 crores of rupees has been made in the Five Year Plan for the development of the Shipyard.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Do I understand, Sir, that during the Scindia Steam Navigation Co's management of the Shipyard there were plenty of steel plates available, but not now?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Well, Sir, I cannot give the exact amount of steel that was available at the time that Scindia's were managing the Shipyard and what is being supplied now. But this is a fact that during the last year there has been a breakdown in the Rollingmill of the Tata Iron & Steel Company, and there has been a shortage in the supply of steel plates.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Arising out of the answer of the hon. Minister, Sir, that nearly 800 workers will be thrown out of work even if the whole ship-building yard is in full swing, may I

know what are the proposals of the Government to provide full employment for all these 3000 and odd workers?

Shri K. C. Reddy: That subject is under the consideration of Government.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, What are the monthly requirements of steel plates for that shipyard?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I am afraid I cannot oblige the hon. Member by giving the quantity just now.

Shri Raghavachari: May I know what is the monthly bill of the workers that are retained?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I am sorry I have not got the exact figure, Sir.

Shri Punnoose: The hon. Minister said that steel is in short supply. May I know the steps taken by Government to get the necessary quantity?

Shri K. C. Reddy: The Government have appointed a special officer for this purpose, a Liaison Officer who has been stationed at the Tata Iron and Steel Co, in order to expedite the supply of steel from the Company to the Yard. We have also taken steps to import steel from abroad.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know the basis on which the workers are being categorised as allocated and non-allocated?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Sir, the nature of the work from time to time is assessed with the help of the French Experts who are there on the site and on that basis the allocation or non-allocation is done.

POWER ALCOHOL

*660. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the cost of a plant for production of power alcohol from agricultural waste; and

(b) what would be the comparative cost of power alcohol produced from the waste and from other sources?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Government have no information.

Shri B. K. Das: Was there any discussion about this matter in the Lucknow Seminar in November last and was the Government of India represented there?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Yes, Sir. There was some discussion.

Shri B. K. Das: Was there any decision taken whether such a scheme will be sponsored by the ECAFE and a plant will be set up in India with their help?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The ECAFE has not sponsored any scheme.

Shri C. D. Pandé: Is it a fact that oil interests are adverse to the use of alcohol and they are resisting the mixing process and so far no step has been taken for consuming the power alcohol produced under provisions of the recent enactment on power alcohol?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: This relates to the question of production of power alcohol from agricultural waste. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I will answer.

Shri C. D. Pandé: Power alcohol from molasses is agricultural produce, Sir.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: This particular question relates to power alcohol that can be produced from agricultural waste.

Shri C. D. Pandé: Is not molasses an agricultural produce, Sir?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is not agricultural waste, Sir.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Is there any plan, as far as Government is concerned, for the production of power alcohol from molasses which are wasted in the sugar factories?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid the hon. Member is a trifle out of date: the plans are in operation, and power alcohol is being produced from molasses.

Shri C. D. Pandé: Sir, I feel my question has not been answered properly.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What is the test?

Shri C. D. Pandé: It is evasion and nothing else, Sir.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF A.I.R.

*661. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state at what stages of progress are the projects under the Development Plan of A.I.R. at present?

- **The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** A statement giving the necessary information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The work of installation of a new Receiving Centre at Bombay and of new studios at Trivandrum has been completed. The 10 k.w. transmitter at Nagpur will go on the air from 12th March 1953. Additional studio facilities such as air-conditioning have been provided for at Allahabad, Jullundur, Ahmedabad and Delhi.

(2) Work on the installation of the transmitter at Gauhati is in progress. Building work for the construction of temporary studios at Madras is also in hand. The construction of the High Power Transmitter building at Bombay has been taken up.

(3) Sites for High Power Transmitter at Ahmedabad, Allahabad and Jullundur are being selected. Building modifications are being made for the construction of additional temporary studios at Broadcasting House, New Delhi.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : जो बयान मेज़ पर रखा गया है उस में जो पुनर्निर्माण के कार्य वर्णित हैं, क्या उस के अलावा आल इंडिया रेडियो के अन्तर्गत कोई ऐसी योजना और काम है जिन को कि सरकार ने अभी हाथ में तो नहीं लिया है, लेकिन क्या यह सम्भव है कि उन को हाथ में ले लिया जायगा और लिया जायगा तो कब तक?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: There are a number of questions strung together and so quickly and rapidly.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: What are the development projects, if any, which are not described in this statement and are likely to be taken up and for which stations?

Dr. Keskar: In reply to a question put during the last session, a statement was placed on the Table of the House giving the full development plan for the next three and a half years. If my hon. friend would like, I can give him a copy of the statement that was laid on the Table then.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether this project includes the