

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Sir, the report that we have is that some years ago the Portuguese had a plan for the development of their overseas possessions and that is about all we know. We do not know whether the Americans or any one else are going to have bases.

**MYSORE IRON AND STEEL WORKS,
BADRAVATHI**

*356. **Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Badravathi, have submitted their steel expansion scheme to the Government of India;

(b) if so, whether that scheme envisages the installation of new plants; and

(c) if so, the estimated expenditure in installing the plants?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The scheme submitted by this concern involved an expenditure of 670 lakhs. The loans sanctioned so far amount to 112.48 lakhs.

Dr. Ram Subbag Singh: What would be the capacity of the plant which has been recommended by this scheme?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, there are various types of plants. For instance, 3 electric pig-iron furnaces, each with a capacity of 35,000 tons. They want certain improvements in regard to mining of ores, an aerial ropeway, an extension to the cement plant, an acetic acid plant, improvements to the foundry and a Bessemer Duplex Plant.

✓ FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE SETTLEMENTS

*359. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state how many families have been uprooted from French and Portuguese Settlements and have come to

India as migrants in 1951, 1952 and up till September, 1953?

(b) Have they settled in India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) It is difficult to give exact figures, as the refugees from these foreign possessions do not normally register themselves with the Indian authorities and there is a constant movement of population between these settlements and the surrounding Indian territory.

Upto the end of 1952, about 1500 persons were reported to have migrated from the French settlements to India. In July 1953, about 40 persons came out from Pondicherry due to some labour trouble. No figures are available for the Portuguese possessions.

(b) Yes.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know if the Government of India have made enquiries with regard to the causes of this uprooting and, if so, what steps have they taken to stop it?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: The causes of this uprooting are various, labour troubles and a certain amount of what may be called political troubles. That is why people have migrated, Sir.

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know what the Government of India proposes to do by negotiations or otherwise to remove these black spots from the map of India?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Sir, that is a question dealing with the whole matter of foreign possessions here. It is hardly possible to say in detail what we propose to do except that we try to get them back.

Dr. Ram Subbag Singh: It was just disclosed by the Parliamentary Secretary that there has been constant move of persons from French territories to India. May I know

whether the Government will go on watching this situation or will take any steps to prevent this migration or move?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: My colleague said that there was constant movement to and fro, plenty of people coming in and going out. Sometimes some people have come out because of some political or labour trouble there. In so far as we know we have got some figures—we don't know, it may be more—some 1500 in 1952 and about 40 in 1953. So far as the normal movement is concerned there is nothing which has to be checked.

Shri Raghunath Singh: What was the labour trouble there?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: There were two unions, one some sort of a Socialist union and between them there was some trouble.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is Government aware of any assistance being given to the families of patriots from Goa or Pondicherry, that is, either if they have applied for assistance or Government is giving assistance to the families of such persons?

Shri Sadath Ali Khan: Some of these people from French Settlements have been settled in South Arcot district and the Government of India have given employment assistance to these people.

EXPERTS RECRUITED FOR D.V.C.

*360. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of experts recruited till the end of September, 1953 to man the machinery bought from America for the Damodar Valley Project;

(b) the total monthly salary paid to these experts; and

(c) the nationality to which they belong?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (**Shri Hathi**): (a) and (c). The total number of experts Indian

and foreigners recruited from time to time till the end of September 1953 is 57, comprising 34 Americans and 23 Indians. Out of this the number of persons working in November, 1953 is 28, i.e., 7 Americans and 21 Indians.

(b) Salary for the month of September was 9450 dollars and Rs. 26,680.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know how long they are to remain here, and is there any understanding that they will train our men to replace them within a certain period?

Shri Hathi: Out of the 7 American experts who are here, 3 will leave by the end of this month and the remaining four in February, 1954. We have 10 engineers who are under training and they will take charge of the station.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know whether there is any non-technical non-Indian personnel employed in this project?

Shri Hathi: None to my knowledge.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether these 4 Americans are heads of departments or are they working under Indian experts?

Shri Hathi: They are in charge of turbine section and other things.

COTTON IMPORTS FROM EGYPT

*361. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the quantity of cotton that India imported from Egypt during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53?

(b) Have the Egyptian Government made efforts to sell more of its cotton to this country this year?

(c) If so, with what result?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari**): (a) 1951-52 season i.e., from 1st September, 1951 to 31st August, 1952—143,825 bales.