

Shri Datar: In 1953, we sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1 lakh and then the Mysore Government informed us that the probable expenditure is Rs. 88,000 and that we are to pay half of this. We have already paid Rs. 44,000 to them.

Shri N. Rachiah: May I know whether any colonies have been built for the hill tribes in the Mysore State?

Shri Datar: I have no information, but colonies must have been built.

Shri N. Rachiah: Is any amount given for hostel facilities to the students of the hill tribes?

Shri Datar: I have already mentioned the three heads under which the amount has been sanctioned and given to the State. We have not received the details from the State.

MANUFACTURE OF AMMUNITION

*1915. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether ammunition is being manufactured in the country at present for fully meeting the Defence requirements?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): Many types of ammunition covering a wide range are being manufactured in the ordnance factories. The manufacture of other types which are imported at present is being developed. Development of manufacture of other new items will be taken in hand as and when facilities become available. Constant effort is being made to become self-sufficient in regard to military equipment including ammunition.

श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी इस स्थिति में हैं कि आपत्ति काल में वह इन एम्प्लोयर्स से, इन हथियारों से, अपनी रक्षा कर सकेंगे ?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य एवं रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जवाहर लाल नेहरू) : आपत्ति काल में हर तरह से मुकाबला किया

जाता है। आज कल बाज़र मुल्क आपत्ति काल का हाइड्रोजन बम से मुकाबला करते हैं, वह हम नहीं कर सकते। लेकिन सबाल यह है कि किसी कदर हम कर सकेंगे। अगर एक दम से आपत्ति आयगी तो नहीं कर सकेंगे और बातों से रेंगे और कोशिश करते हैं कि जितना अधिक से अधिक कर सकते हैं करें।

Shri Meghnad Saha: May I know if the raw material for the manufacture of ammunition is available in this country or have they to be purchased from foreign countries?

Shri Satish Chandra: Most of the raw materials for manufacturing ammunition which is being produced at present are available in this country. The development of certain new items of course depends, to a large extent, on the development of several other types of materials.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether Government have any plan for becoming self-sufficient in ammunition within any particular date?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: In the original answer to this question, it was stated that we are endeavouring to become self-sufficient, as rapidly as possible. I do not know if the hon. Member wants a definite date. If it is so, it is difficult to fix a definite date for all these things.

SYNTHETIC PETROL

*1916. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was appointed a few years back to enquire into the question of producing synthetic petrol from coal;

(b) if so, the findings of the committee;