

the Orissa Engineering College and other Engineering Colleges, working at Hirakud? If not, was there also not a recommendation by the Public Accounts Committee in this regard?

Shri Hathi: There was a recommendation, and actually some fresh graduates were being trained at the Hirakud Project. But subsequently as soon as they found employment—because no stipend was given to them—they took the other jobs.

HINDUSTAN MACHINE TOOLS FACTORY

*1299. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the erection of structures and machinery in the Hindustan Machine Tools Factory Ltd., Jalahalli, is proceeding according to schedule; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) and (b). The original time schedule had to be revised in order to incorporate the latest developments and improvements in the design of the lathe; this necessitated considerable adjustments in the layout of the Factory. Present progress is satisfactory and it is hoped to keep to the revised time schedule.

Shri V. P. Nayar: By what time will the factory go into production?

Shri R. G. Dubey: The component parts of the lathe will be manufactured from July of this year.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it a fact that one of the Swiss engineers deputed for work in India had to go away on account of difference of opinion with the people here?

Shri R. G. Dubey: I am not quite sure whether he went away, but there was some difference of opinion.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: How many foreign experts have been employed and are without work here

pending the erection of the structures and machinery?

Shri R. G. Dubey: The original idea was to have 105. Subsequently it was agreed that the number should not exceed 85. Actually 25 foreign experts are engaged, and the number of persons working there is 70 just now.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Is it a fact that some twenty Indian trainees were sent by air to Switzerland but on their return they could not be absorbed in suitable appointments?

Shri R. G. Dubey: The General Technical Manager went to Europe, and some eight persons were selected from trainees. That is all I can say at this stage.

Shri G. S. Singh: When this factory is completed will it work to full capacity—in view of the fact that a similar factory working at Ambarnath is working only to 25 per cent. of the capacity?

Shri R. G. Dubey: As I explained, the original lathe was of a different design. It was subsequently found out that this lathe was not suitable to Indian conditions. Hence there was delay in placing orders. And the whole lay-out of the building had to be changed. The factory will go into production by the middle of 1957. That is, there will be a delay of one year.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He wanted comparison between this and the Ambarnath factory which is producing the same thing.

Shri R. G. Dubey: I do not think so. This is a different design, and Ambarnath is a different design.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know if the kind of lathe that will be manufactured at this factory is already being manufactured by private enterprise—of the same size?

Shri R. G. Dubey: Not to my knowledge. As far as my information goes, this is the most up-to-date machine tool which is being designed in Switzerland now.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The Parliamentary Secretary said that the original programme for construction had to be changed in view of certain developments in the field of machine tool manufacture. May I know whether this change in programme also necessitated a revision of the expenditure which was proposed for this and, if so, by what extent?

Shri R. G. Dubey: Just now I am not in a position to say whether the expenditure will increase. The original estimate was Rs. 30 crores. Subsequently it was reduced to Rs. 8 crores.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Reduced from thirty to eight crores?

Shri R. G. Dubey: Yes, Sir. Subsequently there has been a revision. I am not sure whether it has led to an increase.

COMMERCIAL SHOW ROOMS

*1300. **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any commercial showroom has been attached to the Indian High Commission in England and Indian embassies in America and Japan;

(b) the products of Indian industry and handicrafts chiefly displayed there; and

(c) the names of the States from which such products are advertised?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 76.]

Shri L. Jogeswar Singh: May I know what is the total amount spent in this connection so far?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice for this question.

Shri L. Jogeswar Singh: From the statement I find the names of a number of States whose products have

been displayed in foreign countries in the Indian commercial showrooms, but I do not find the name of Manipur State. May I know whether the Government propose to send any artistic designs of handloom products from Manipur State to these Indian showrooms abroad?

Shri Karmarkar: We shall consider whether it is practicable to have any goods from Manipur State to be displayed abroad.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know whether any world famous products from Aurangabad—Himru and Mashru—have ever been displayed abroad in the Indian commercial showrooms?

Shri Karmarkar: I should think so.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know whether Indian handicraft products are displayed in the showrooms of the Indian Co-operative Union in London and if so, what is the rent paid to this Co-operative Union?

Shri Karmarkar: There is no showroom of the Indian Co-operative Union now.

COAL TO PAKISTAN

*1301. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Pakistan to send coal in excess of the usual quota;

(b) what monthly quota is sent to East and West Pakistan; and

(c) the quantity of coal that was sent to Pakistan in December, 1953 and January, 1954?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) No.

(b) The monthly quota agreed to at the Trade talks held in March 1953