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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Thursday, 19th June, 1952.

The House met at a Quarter Past Eight of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

AID FROM CANADA

*1016. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations are proceeding between the Government of India and the Canadian Government for mutual agreement on projects for direct assistance from Canada; and

(b) whether any aid was received from Canada during 1951-52?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the year 1951-52, the Canadian Government provided economic assistance to India under the Colombo Plan to the tune of 15 million Canadian dollars. Of this 10 million Canadian dollars is being received in the form of 114,000 tons of wheat, the sale-proceeds of which is being used in financing the Mayurakshi Project as agreed upon between the Indian and the Canadian Government. In addition, a number of buses and lorries for the Bombay State Transport Corporation is likely to be received, the approximate value of which would be about 4.5 million Canadian dollars. The question of supply of some equipment for the Mayurakshi Project valued at about 0.5 million Canadian dollars is under discussion.

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ORDNANCE FACTORIES

*1017. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories could produce any other material besides war material during the year 1951-52; and

(b) if so, what material and of what value?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement showing the more important items produced during the year 1951-52 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 35]

Work to the extent of Rs. 110.5 lakhs in value was done for other Government Departments and the trade during 1951-52.

ZINC SPELTER INDUSTRY

*1018. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee was appointed to examine and suggest proposals for the establishment of Zinc spelter industry in India; and

(b) if so, whether the Committee has made a report by now?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir. A copy of the Notification constituting the Committee and defining its functions is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 36]

(b) The Committee has not yet completed its work.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*1019. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to