

Shri Karmarkar : The idea is to have a sort of permanent Fair grounds, if possible. But the immediate thing is, three of the structures would remain, namely, the two presented by the concerned participating countries, and the third one, which is known as the octagonal building. They will remain. About the others, the matter will be considered.

BHILAI STEEL PLANT

***564. Dr. Rama Rao :** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1023 on the 20th December, 1955 and state at what stage is the final project report on the Bhilai Steel Plant prepared by the Soviet Experts ?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : The report is under consideration of Government.

Dr. Rama Rao : May I know whether the project report has been sent to the British consultants and, if so, have they suggested any modification or alterations ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : The discussion is going on. We have ourselves suggested certain modifications and the matter is being discussed now. We are almost reaching the finalisation of one stage of the discussion. May be that we may be able to finalise it in a few days.

Dr. Rama Rao : May I know the subsidiary industries that are going to be started along with this State-sponsored project ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : I would like to state that I hope to be able to give a compendious account of our discussion and the proposals and commitments that we are entering into, to the House, before the Lok Sabha takes up the Demands for the Iron and Steel Ministry for discussion, and I hope I will be able to afford some satisfaction in regard to all the queries that Members have in their minds when I put that paper before the Lok Sabha.

Shri Sodhia : What is being done at Bhilai at present ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : We are trying our best to see that a plant for manufacturing steel is erected.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : May I know if it is a fact that the Bhilai steel plant will go into production by the middle or end of 1958 ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : It is more than anybody can say.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA

***565. Shri Dabhi :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the U. N. General Assembly has passed on December 9, 1955, a resolution asking India, Pakistan and South Africa to make a fresh attempt to settle, by negotiation the problem of the treatment of the people of Indian origin in South Africa ; and

(b) if so, whether any progress has so far been made in this direction ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

Shri Dabhi : May I know whether there is any hope of settling this question by negotiation with the South African Government ?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : The hope is now dim ; but one never loses hope.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : May I know whether Pakistan is as keen as India and is co-operating in this matter ?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : I hope so, Sir.

Shri R. P. Garg : May I know whether the Prime Minister will try to raise this question in the next Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in order to mobilise the opinion of Great Britain and other countries on India's stand ?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru : No, Sir. We will not. The hon. Member is perhaps not aware of the fact that we do not raise ourselves or approve of others raising such matters there.