

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : May I make a submission? We employ a consultant; we consult him. He is supposed to give us advice on every matter with which we are concerned.

Dr. Rama Rao : I am asking for a fact.

Mr. Speaker : No argument now. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha. Shri Asthana. Absent.

If hon. Members were not present when their questions were called, we might take them now. No one. Then the list is over.

Shri Sadhan Gupta : Some questions may be answered in the public interest.

Mr. Speaker : If the hon. Member wants some particular question, he may indicate.

Shri Sadhan Gupta : 570, Sir.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : My question. 570.

DEPUTATION OF INDIAN ENGINEERS TO U.S.S.R.

*570. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration of Government for sending some Indian Experts to U.S.S.R. for the study of irrigation and power projects in the Soviet Union?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : Yes, Sir.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : May I know whether the batch of the experts going to Soviet Russia has got some definite terms of reference regarding the problems created by the turbulent rivers like the Gagra, Gandak and Kosi?

Shri Hathi : The engineers are being sent for training in particular branches only. It would not cover the whole range of irrigation. The special branches would be: designs of dams and civil structure of the power houses, soil research and foundation, planning and designing of thermal stations and transmission system. These are the four branches.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : May I know whether the batch going to U.S.S.R. has in view the problems of the rivers mentioned by me earlier, namely, the Kosi, the Gandak and the Gagra rivers?

Shri Hathi : No. They are not going to study the problems of these rivers. They are going to study the technique of the structure of power-houses, the high tension transmission lines, and the designs, and foundation research.

Shri Sadhan Gupta : Since there are obvious limitations on our resources in following the Soviet system of irrigation, may I know whether any consideration has been given to the desirability of sending some of our engineers to China to study irrigation methods there, which are being undertaken at much less expense in accordance with the resources of that country which is somewhat like ours?

Shri Hathi : Last year we did send two engineers to China.

Shri Kamath : Has a comparative study been made of the Soviet, the Chinese and American patterns, in order to ascertain which suits our economic and national conditions best?

Shri Hathi : Comparative studies have been made so far as the American and Chinese patterns are concerned. So far as the Soviet designs, plans and techniques are concerned, they are being studied.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know how many of our friends are proposed to be sent there, and what is the approximate duration of their stay there?

Shri Hathi : The proposal is to send six engineers; and the period of stay will be about six to eight months.

Shri R. P. Garg : May I know whether the experts' delegation which visited Russia some time back have submitted any report so far, and if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Hathi : Perhaps, the hon. Member is referring to the delegation that the Government of India had deputed; but that was under the auspices of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, to explore the possibilities of what technical assistance and facilities could be availed of. It is on the recommendation of this delegation that we are proposing to send these six engineers.

Shri D. C. Sharma : Since some of our topmost engineers are sent abroad now and then, may I know how Government fill the gap which is created by their absence ?

Shri Hathi : That is really a matter of administrative convenience. We are placing men temporarily in the vacant posts naturally.

Dr. Rama Rao : May I request that Q. 584 may be answered in public interest ?

Shri Sadhan Gupta : May I request that Q. 580 also may be answered in public interest ?

Mr. Speaker : First, we shall take up Q. 584. If the Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection.

INDIAN STEEL DELEGATION TO U.S.S.R.

*584. **Sardar Iqbal Singh :** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 989 on the 20th December, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the Indian delegation of Steel experts which visited the U.S.S.R. has submitted any report; and

(b) if so, the main features of this report and the action taken by Government thereon ?

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

(b) The information collected by the Delegation is confidential and is intended for use of Government only. It would not be in the public interest to reveal any information contained in the Report.

Dr. Rama Rao : May I know whether Government intend to send engineers for training in the Soviet steel plants ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : Yes, that will be necessary. It is not a mere matter of intention. It will be a matter of necessity.

Shri Kamath : Am I to understand that the entire report is confidential or only parts of it ? What is the position ? How can the entire report be confidential ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : May be, certain sentences might be published ; I do not think my hon. friend will be interested in those sentences.

Shri Nambiar : May I know whether the report or the politics of the report is confidential ? Which of the two is confidential ?

Mr. Speaker : I do not allow that question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

कलई सम्बन्धी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय करार

*५६२. श्री श्री नारायण दास : क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री २६ सितम्बर, १९५५ को दिये गये अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ८७७ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने कलई सम्बन्धी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय करार का अनुसमर्थन कर दिया है ;

(ख) अन्य किन किन देशों ने इस करार में भाग लिया है ;

(ग) इस करार की शर्तें क्या हैं ; और

(घ) १९५५ के दौरान में भारत ने कितनी कलई का आयात किया और किन किन देशों से वह आयात किया गया ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) : (क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रखा जाता है । [वेस्तिये परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध सं० ४६]