

(d) the scope of the issue to be raised ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (d). The matter is still under consideration.

(b) and (c). Certain objections have been raised by a few interested countries, but it would not be in public interest to discuss the details thereof.

Aluminium Plant

***762. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Industries Development Corporation has formulated any plan to set up a plant for the manufacture of aluminium ingots and sheets during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): (a) and (b). The National Industrial Development Corporation has under consideration a proposal for the establishment of an aluminium plant. Details have not yet been finalised.

Air and Naval Bases in East Pakistan

***763. { Shri Kamath:
Shri H. R. Nathani:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that with United States aid, Pakistan has built or is building air and naval bases in East Pakistan?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Finance (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Pakistan is receiving military aid from the USA. Government of India have no precise information whether any air and naval bases are being built in East Pakistan with this aid.

धर्मदाय संस्थाओं

***७६४. श्री भक्त बर्षन :** क्या योजना मंत्री ३० मई, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २६६७ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिन्दू धर्मदाय संस्थाओं और मन्दिरों की आय का अधिक अच्छा उपयोग करने और उन की व्यवस्था में सुधार करने का जो प्रश्न योजना आयोग के विचाराधीन था, क्या उस पर अन्तिम निर्णय कर लिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो अब तक इस दिशा में कितनी प्रगति हुई है और अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक होने की आशा है ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत उपमंत्री (श्री हाथी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यह विषय अभी भी योजना आयोग के विचाराधीन है ।

Bhilai and Durgapur Steel Plants

***765. Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal to set up a structural-cum-machine shop at Bhilai and a structural shop at Durgapur?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): Proposals have been submitted by the Indian Steel works Construction Co. for a fabricating shop at Durgapur. These proposals are now being discussed by the Indian Delegation which is now in London to negotiate the final contract for the Steel works at Durgapur. It is proposed to review the proposal to have a fabricating shop at Bhilai on the experience gained as a result of the negotiations for the shop at Durgapur.

Silk Industry

***766. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the reasons because of which no grants were made to the State of Bihar for development of Silk Industry during 1955-56?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): A sum of Rs. 67,100/- was given as grant to the Government of Bihar for the development of silk industry in that State during the year 1955-56.

Earth Moving Machinery

***767. Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the value of earth moving machinery that is imported every year for construction of dams, hydel projects and irrigation works;

(b) whether any final decision has been taken by the Government on plans for the standardisation of machinery and mechanical equipment for Hydro-electric and irrigation projects with a view to economise expenditure; and

(c) if so, what is the decision?