

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: As early as 1951, the Government decided to make this Osmania University a Central University with Hindi as the principal medium of instruction. We are working at this proposal and will certainly consult the Andhra Government before taking up a final decision in the matter.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Is it not a fact that the Andhra Government refused to hand over this institution to the Centre but wanted more money to have a plan of teaching in Hindi at Hyderabad?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: As long as the matter is under negotiation by the Government of India, there cannot be any final refusal from any State.

Short Notice Question and Answer

Steel Plants

S.N.Q. No. 1. Shri Kamath: Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to refer to the answers given to supplementaries raised on Starred Question No. 36 on the 21st March, 1957 and state:

(a) the proportion of the foreign element or component to the Indians among the technical and other staff employed at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur; and

(b) the number of either in each of the three projects:

The Minister of Finance and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). There are at present 50 Soviet nationals and 1144 Indians employed in Bhilai, 1 Yugoslav and 1247 Indians in Rourkela and 309 Indians in Durgapur. Besides these, there are 27 representatives of the Ministry of Iron and Steel, USSR, three representatives of the British Consulting Engineers and 13 representatives of the German Consultants in India.

Shri Kamath: Has the proportion or the number of foreign technicians remained the same or constant since the projects were started or since work commenced on this project? Or, has it tended to increase or decrease during the last few months or years?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is very difficult to be precise on this information but I can give the hon. Member this information that the number of foreigners in these three plants would progressively increase until these plants go into production.

Shri Kamath: Is it a part of the agreement with the various foreign Governments that their technicians and engineers will, in due course of time, train up Indians for the jobs on which the foreigners are engaged at present so that the foreign element or component will decrease?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is a correct assumption, Sir.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether it is a fact that certain hands employed, more in Rourkela and perhaps in Bhilai also, are lying idle? If that is so, may I know the number of persons who are lying idle?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: What is it that is lying idle?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: The hands.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member means that some of the employees are idle.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am not in a position to say that. I have not made a physical inspection of those employed in these plants, but I think, I can take the reports that I get from my General Managers as being correct. I do not think that anybody is idle; on the other hand, they are all very busy.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha rose—

Mr. Speaker: I have allowed enough.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Settlers in Devikulom Taluk of Kerala

*80. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many settlers in Devikulom taluk of Kerala State have been