

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is true that the total quantity of molasses manufactured in this country is not fully utilised, but the surplus is not of very considerable magnitude.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** May I know the production of power alcohol from molasses is on the increase or decrease?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** It is on the increase. In 1950 it was 11 million gallons; this year i.e., 1956, it was 17 million gallons; and at the end of the Second Plan it is expected to be 36 million gallons.

### Second Ship-Building Yard

\*101. **Shri Matthen:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been made regarding the Second Shipbuilding Yard;

(b) if so, where it is going to be located and when the work will start; and

(c) who are the consultants?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) It has been decided to construct the Second Shipbuilding Yard and preparatory work in connection with the same has commenced.

(b) and (c). Consultants have not been selected so far and the site will have to be chosen after the recommendation of the chosen consultants in regard to the site is available.

**Shri Matthen:** I am glad that at Vizag. a training centre has been started. We have got 3,500 miles of coast-line in this country and for the economic development of our country we need more ships. I think India is bound to be a huge maritime country provided we find the necessary technical personnel for these ships. In view of the fact that the question of technical personnel is the whole bottleneck, will the hon. Minister be pleased to start more

training schools for training in shipbuilding as is being done in West Germany?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The suggestion of the hon. Member will be given due consideration.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** The hon. Minister stated that the site has not been decided upon so far. But may I know whether the claims of Cochin to have a second shipyard will be considered?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Cochin is one of the places which will be considered along with other places that are before the Government. There are about nine alternative places under the consideration of the Government—Cochin, Karwar, Bhatkal, Tuticorin, Kandla, Geonkhali (Hooghly), Quilon, Beypore, Orissa Coast (Paradip).

**Shri Matthen:** Will the hon. Minister be pleased to give me an assurance that the question of site will be decided on merit and not on party considerations or political considerations or State considerations?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The decision will be on a scientific basis; at the same time regional considerations will be kept in view.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether as and when these consultants are appointed, they will be asked to go and visit only these seven sites?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** If any other sites offer themselves, we will examine them and the consultants will be given due instructions.

**Dr. Rama Rao:** In the proposed new shipyard, may I know what processes will be used—whether the number of berths will be on a conservative scale or whether new methods will be adopted?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Those are technical matters and the consultants who will be called upon to help us in this connection will give us the proper advice, I hope.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** The hon. Minister said that various factors will be taken into consideration in fixing the site. Could I know whether one such factor will be the availability of good timber at cheap rates?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** We have not yet considered the question of timber supply for the second shipyard.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Have not Government enough material in their possession for the last three or four decades in regard to the importance of Bhatkal as a suitable shipyard site, and also Karwar?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** We have plenty of information. Personally I know about it because I had something to do with it when I was Chief Minister of the Mysore State.

#### Wage Boards

\*102. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Wage Boards likely to be set up during the year 1957;

(b) the industries to which they relate; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for the submission of their findings?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). A Wage Board for the cotton textile industry will be set up shortly.

(c) No.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether a judicial authority will be the Chairman of the Wage Board when it is constituted?

**Shri Abid Ali:** He will be an independent person, experienced in this line.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know which are the other industries under the consideration of the Government for which Wage Boards will be set up?

**Shri Abid Ali:** So far we have not decided for other industries.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether it is under contemplation to have Wage Boards constituted for agricultural labour as well?

**Shri Abid Ali:** Not at present.

#### Nepa Newsprint Factory

\*103. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Swedish delegation of newsprint manufacturers that visited the Nepa Newsprint Factory recently, have expressed doubt about the success of the Project; and

(b) whether the raw material used in the Nepa Mills was tested and found to be of the required standard?

**The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Yes, Sir, though the delegation had not actually visited the factory.

(b) Yes, Sir. The possibilities of successful utilisation of the raw materials were established by laboratory and pilot plant trials both in India and abroad prior to the launching of the venture. The utility of the project has further been proved by the actual working of the mills during the last 24 months. Thus our actual experience has proved that the fears of the delegation are not borne out by facts in this case.

**Shri Wodeyar:** May I know whether the factory has already started production, and if so, what is the annual amount of production and what is the total cost of the factory?

**Shri Manubhai Shah:** The factory has started production, as the House is aware, for the last 18 months, and the House will be pleased to know that last month it reached a capacity of 80 tons per day as against the rated capacity of 100 tons. The total capital investment in the factory has been about Rs. 5 to 6 crores.

**Shri Wodeyar:** May I know how far the Nepa newsprint factory has helped the country in its object of