

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