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Thursday, September 10, 1959/Bhadra  
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of  
the Clock.*

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Chittaranjan Steel Foundry

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\*1311. { Shri E. C. Majhi:  
          Shri Subodh Hanada:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 591 on the 4th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether negotiations have been completed with the technical collaborators in the U.K. for setting up of a Steel Foundry at Chittaranjan to produce steel castings for railway track; and

(b) if so, when it will be set up and when it will commence production?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, the final Draft Agreement has been drawn up and sent to Messrs. F. H. Lloyd & Co., U.K., for acceptance.

(b) The production is expected to commence after the completion of construction and installation work which is estimated to take a period of about three years from the date of the signing of the Agreement.

Shri E. C. Majhi: May I know the estimated cost of this foundry?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Rs. 2.5 crores, approximately.

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Shri E. C. Majhi: May I know how much foreign exchange will be saved by the establishment of this foundry?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: That is rather difficult to say, and I would require separate notice, but most of the foreign exchange that is being spent at present will be saved.

Shri Subodh Hanada: May I know the terms of the agreement?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The terms of the agreement are that we shall pay a sum of £1 lakh to the company with which we are collaborating, they will be responsible for supplying all the designs, supervision, advice in procurement of machinery etc.; if it is purchased in England, they will be responsible for the inspection of the machinery; also generally, they are to help us in putting up the foundry and also to train up the necessary personnel.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the approximate capacity of this plant?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: In the first instance, the installed capacity is going to be 6,000 tons for steel castings for locomotives, and about 1,000 tons for track, from for points and crossings, from austenitic steel castings, which are made of a very hard type of steel.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: It was decided to collaborate with this firm some time towards the latter part of 1958. May I know why there is delay in entering into this agreement, and why three years are to be taken for setting up this foundry?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Before entering into any agreement with foreign firms, we have to take all necessary precautions; first of all, we have to

discuss and agree upon the terms of collaboration, and later on, a regular agreement has to be signed by both sides. It necessarily takes time, and we cannot risk anything in these agreements.

**Shri Goray:** May I know whether this foundry will be producing some special type of steel?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Yes, it will be mainly producing heavy and medium size castings for our steam locomotives.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** May I know whether the payment of £1 lakh will be made in sterling or in rupees, and whether the foreign experts who are going to work in this foundry will be paid in rupees or in sterling also?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** The payment will be made in about six instalments; the first instalment will be in pound sterling; the subsequent instalments will be half in rupees and half in sterling.

**Shri M. E. Krishna:** May I know what percentage of the annual requirements of steel castings will be met by this foundry?

**Shri. Shah Nawaz Khan:** Chittaranjan's 100 per cent. requirements.

#### Training for Seamen

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1212. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
 { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to give training to seamen under sail at selected places in association with the maritime State Governments has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether training has started; and

(c) in which places?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) Yes.

(b), and (c). It has been decided in principle to start training courses at four centres in, Saurashtra, Kerala, Andhra and Madras. The training will be started as soon as certain details, which are under discussion with the State Governments concerned, have been finalised.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know what kind of training will be given to these seamen?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The training will be to equip them better to go into the sea and to pilot and to meet situations that arise sometimes in navigation.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know the duration of the training?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** These details have yet to be fixed in consultation with the State Governments and the Department concerned.

**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** May I know the number of seamen that will be trained under this scheme?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** These are details. As I said, in principle, they have been accepted by two Governments.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether those who have passed the general training course for seamen will take to this course or fresh recruits will be taken in?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** As the question itself will show, this training is essentially meant for sea-going people on sailing vessels; it is not meant for bigger courses or higher courses which are imparted in places like Bhadra, Mekhala, or Navalakki; essentially, this will be for the sailing vessels seamen.

**Shri Tunganna:** May I know whether the training that is given at present in Calcutta and in Bombay will be augmented to cover these sailing vessels also?