

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** At the present moment, more or less, that is so.

**HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD LTD.**

\*1654. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to starred question No. 379 asked on the 11th August, 1953 and state whether any arrangements have been made to manufacture engines and boilers in the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** The matter is under examination.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** In August last, when I put this question, the hon. Minister stated that the scheme was under consideration. May I know why so much time is being taken in this matter?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** This is a highly complicated matter. After that reply was given, there has been some further progress, and a detailed consideration of the subject. In the near future, the Planning Commission are going to arrange for a meeting at the Ministerial level to discuss the various aspects of the question. Meanwhile, a meeting at the departmental level has considered the various aspects arising out of this question.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the financial aspect of the scheme is standing in the way?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** I do not think that the financial aspect is standing in the way. But the question is what size of diesel engines we should manufacture. There are engines of various horse-powers. For example, for the shipping industry, we require engines of 3000 H. P. It is not possible initially to manufacture engines of such high capacity. To start with, we can manufacture only smaller H. P. engines. Even for that, trained personnel are necessary. Before we take

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up the manufacture of these engines, there are three other factors that we have to bear in mind, and these have recently been brought to our notice. We require an iron foundry, a steel foundry and a forging unit. Now there is a proposal that these units should form part of the steel plant which is in the contemplation of Government. So, are these aspects there. That is why this matter is naturally taking some time.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** How many engines and boiler components have we imported up till now for ships?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** I am sorry I could not say that.

**IMPORT OF ANIMALS**

\*1655. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of animals imported into India during 1951-52 and 1952-53;

(b) from which countries; and

(c) the purposes for which they were imported?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 55]

(c) Mainly for breeding, exhibition in zoos and use in turf clubs.

I find that from Pakistan we receive some poultry also.

**Shri Muniswamy rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** I am going to the next question.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know, Sir.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**BOKHARO THERMAL PLANT**

\*1656. **Shri Ramaswada Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no arrangements have