

Wellman Smith Owen Engineering Corpn., Ltd.,

Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd.,

British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd.,

English Electric Co. Ltd.,

General Electric Co. Ltd.,

Joseph Parks & Son Ltd.,

Dorman Long (Bridge and Engineering) Ltd.,

The Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co. Ltd.,

Sir William Arrol & Co. Ltd.

Activities of Foreign Missionaries

2640. { Shri Jadhav:
Shri P. C. Boseah:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain foreign missionaries in the arcas adjoining Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim and Assam are creating anti-Indian feelings amongst the people there; and

(b) if so, what action the Government of India propose to take against such hostile propaganda?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). Government have not received any report to this effect. Inquiry is however being made and if necessary, the information collected will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Kerala

2641. **Shri I. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reports have been received during 1958 on the working of welfare schemes of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Kerala from the Assistant Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon? annexure No. 68).

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Aiva): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the relevant portions of these reports have been forwarded to the State Government for appropriate action and comments.

Cost of Steel Re-rolling Mills.

2642. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of steel re-rolling mills has increased from 48 to 72 crores; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such an increase?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The increase in the revised estimate over the Project report estimate is due to:

(i) cost of additional equipment ordered;

(ii) change in designs made; and

(iii) increases in wage levels, ocean freight, inland transport, erection charges and provision for additional spares.

Ramappa Devalayam of Warangal

2643. **Shrimati Laxmi Bai:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the historic, cultural and scientific importance of Ramappa Devalayam of Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the present condition of the temple; and

(c) the steps taken for its preservation?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 68].