

Shri S. C. Samanta: What will be the estimated recurring expenditure in future?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I have already answered this question. I said Rs. 4 lakhs have been provided for the running of the Institute.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether there are a sufficient number of trained teachers to man this Indian National Institute of Audio-Visual Education in the country and whether foreign trained people are there? What is the number of teachers required?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The Institute has just started. A Director has been appointed. The remaining staff will be recruited in course of time.

Shri Basappa: What is the number of teachers required?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I do not have the details with me at present.

Shri Subodh Hanada: May I know whether services from foreign experts in audio-visual education has been offered and whether it has been accepted?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: From T.C.M. one has been appointed and I expect a few more will be appointed.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether training will be started this year and if so, the number of students to be admitted?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: These details I do not have with me at present.

Shri Asaar: May I know whether the Government propose to guarantee employment to the persons who pass out of this Institute?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: There is no question of the Government providing employment to these people. The Institute of Audio-Visual Education has been set up to provide post-graduate training facilities to trained teachers in theory and practical audio-visual education. I have given the objectives in the statement laid on the Table of the House. If the hon. Mem-

ber looks into that, he will find that it is not a question of providing employment, but giving training to people who are already in service.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Asaar: May I ask one question?

Mr. Speaker: I have allowed so many questions.

Requirements of Foreign Experts for Bhilai Steel Plant

*2102. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requirements of foreign experts for the Bhilai Steel Plant have been assessed and finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the nature of the arrangements made to secure them?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): (a) and (b). According to the main agreement, the Soviet experts are to be appointed from time to time as mutually agreed upon consistent with the needs of the Project.

The following are the Soviet Experts at present employed by the Hindustan Steel Limited:—

| | | Rs. |
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| One | Chief Engineer | at 4,500 P M |
| 35 | Leading Specialists | at . 2,850 P.M. |
| 123 | Specialists | at 2,400 P.M. |
| 214 | Technicians and Leading Foremen | at . 2,200 P.M. |
| 53 | Interpreters | at . 1,950 P.M. |
| 107 | Foremen & Adjusters | at . 1,800 P.M. |
| 468 | Other Technicians | at . 1,500 P.M. |

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In addition there are 66 Soviet Experts who are doing the work of consulting Engineers and are paid by the U.S.S.R. Government.

(c) Appointments of the Soviet Experts are made on the recommendation of the Soviet Chief Engineer according to their qualifications and experience. The duration of stay of these Experts ranges between 6 months and 36 months.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know to what extent the Russian Government have agreed to meet our requirements in this respect?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): The agreement has already been settled. All the requirements so far as Soviet experts are concerned have been agreed to be met by the Soviet Government.

तेज गौबिन्द दास : रूस के इन विशेषज्ञों के साथ क्या बड़ा भारतीय विशेषज्ञ भी रखे जा रहे हैं, और यदि रखे जा रहे हैं, तो जो काम रूस के विशेषज्ञ करते हैं, वही काम करने वाले भारतीयों का क्या बंटन है ?

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : इसका बहुत लम्बा जबाब होगा । जाहिर है कि जो हमारे हिन्दुस्तानी भाई वहाँ काम करते हैं, उनकी तनस्वाहें इन से बहुत कम हैं और यही इरादा है, क्योंकि वे एक दूर देश से आए हैं और वैसे भी यूरोप में उनकी तनस्वाहें ज्यादा हैं और मेरे स्थान में दोनों तनस्वाहों का मुकाबला करना वाजिब नहीं होगा ।

Shri Dasappa: May I know why, when Rourkela and Durgapur have not more than 200 foreign experts to work in each of the factories, in Bhilai we have got nearly 1000?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I think, the information of the hon. Member with regard to the figures for Rourkela and Durgapur is not correct.

Shri Dasappa: May I say, I have only the information through the reports he has given to me. I have got no other report to rely upon.

Mr. Speaker: What is the total number of experts?

Shri Dasappa: In Durgapur and Rourkela, it is not more than 200 each.

Sardar Swaran Singh: In Rourkela alone, the number would be anywhere between 800 and 1000.

Shri Dasappa: Foreign experts?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Yes; foreign experts.

Shri Dasappa: It is not stated in the report. It is, in Durgapur, I remember, 180.

Mr. Speaker: Why does he mix up Durgapur with Rourkela? The hon. Member puts one question. It is intended to refer to the other. The other is also mixed up. It may be 800 in Rourkela and 200 in Durgapur. The hon. Minister has said, 800 in Rourkela.

Shri Dasappa: I do not remember. I remember definitely, in Durgapur it is 180.

Mr. Speaker: Why did he not put that question?

Sardar Swaran Singh: In Durgapur the number would be anywhere about 200 now. But, the tempo of work there is developing and the number is likely to increase.

Shri Ranga: Is it not a fact that in Bhilai, foreign experts have been training our people more energetically than the other two areas?

Sardar Swaran Singh: It is very difficult for me to enter into these comparisons. I think all have been doing their work in a satisfactory manner.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: The Parliamentary Secretary told us that the requirements of foreign experts would be reviewed from time to time. May I know whether there is any programme to train up our own citizens for the jobs so that the requirements of foreign experts would not be necessary and within what period it is proposed to be done?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The hon. Member is quite correct. We have a programme for training our own technicians. A large part of these technicians are on construction work. Obviously, as soon as construction is over, they will go. In the meantime, our construction experts at various levels have been associated. It is hoped that in our future expansion programmes, our reliance upon foreign resources of technical personnel would be very much reduced. It is very difficult for me to indicate as to what would be the exact duration of time during which our staff will come up to these standards. Progressively, the Indian complement is increasing.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know if there are any foreign consultants other than Russian in connection with Bhilai?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The main work is done by Soviet experts. But overall consultation in certain specified matters is provided by a British firm also, the I.C.C.

Shri Bose: I want to know whether all the 53 Interpreters are foreigners and whether any attempt is made to train Indians in order to reduce the number of foreigners?

Sardar Swaran Singh: This question relates to foreign interpreters. The question was about Soviet experts. We have got some of our own boys also who can do this work of interpretation. But, to get the maximum advantage out of these technicians, it was considered necessary that the number of interpreters should be adequate to meet the requirements.

Shri C. D. Pande: In view of the fact that these steel factories will be completing their work of construction shortly, will the Government consider the feasibility of creating a combined cadre of steel experts so that they may look after all the three

Plants and thereby save a large number of experts?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The cadre of experts would be evolved as a natural process when these experts are being recruited and put on the job. According to the terms of employment of the various entrants into service, they are employees of Hindustan Steel and not the employees of any particular project. When all these people are there serving in various capacities, the Hindustan Steel will have on their cadres a fairly large number of people who are expert, at various levels.

Contract System in M.E.S.

*2103. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that are being taken to eliminate or minimise contract system in M.E.S.; and

(b) the value of work done through contract system and departmental labour separately in 1957-58 in M.E.S.?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Under the existing procedure, the execution of works is undertaken departmentally as well as through contractors depending on the nature of work. Government is, however, giving overall consideration to the problems relating to construction.

(b) Through contracts .. Rs. 13.62 Crores.

Through departmentally employed labour. Rs. 5.01 Crores.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the value of the work done by contractors has since been reduced in 1958-59, and if so, to what extent?

Sardar Majithia: I have not got the figures for 1958-59. The question related to 1957-58, and the figures for that year have been given. If the hon. Member gives separate notice, I shall give the figures.