

Steel Plant in South

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 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri B. K. Das:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri Sezhiyan:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 418 on the 15th March, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the firm of Consulting Engineers have prepared and submitted the project report for setting up of Steel Plant in the South;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) when the preliminary works are expected to be taken up?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The preliminary work in connection with the project will be taken up after the selection of the site.

Heavy Motor Vehicles

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 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri Warrior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri M. N. Swamy:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Daji:
 Shri D. D. Mantri:
 Dr. Ranen Sen:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to manufacture heavy motor vehicles for rapid development of road transport is under consideration;

(b) what will be the payload of the vehicles; and

(c) when the proposal is expected to materialise?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 10/11 tons.

(c) if the scheme is approved, it is estimated to take about 18 to 24 months for implementation.

Fertilizer Factory in M.P.

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 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:
 Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 944 on the 19th April, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the question of location of the fertilizer factory in Madhya Pradesh has since been finally decided;

(b) whether there will be any foreign assistance or collaboration in the implementation of the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) it has been tentatively decided to locate the factory at Korba in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Foreign technical collaboration is not envisaged. The design, engineering, procurement and erection will be undertaken directly by the Fertilizer Corporation of India, on the basis of purchase of process know-how and design, where necessary, from foreign firms. Foreign exchange will be required for this purpose, as well for the import of equipment, not available within the country. It is too early to indicate how this foreign exchange requirement will be met.