

of news reports in August that September the 6th 1966 might be celebrated in Pakistan as a special day in connection with the September 1965 conflict, the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan approached the Pakistan authorities to ascertain the position informally and to clarify that any celebrations of an anti-Indian character would be contrary to the letter and spirit of the Tashkent Declaration and might only arouse anti-Indian feelings in Pakistan and do harm to the cause of improving Indo-Pakistan relations. Subsequently, diplomatic action was taken to stress on the Pakistan Government the possible undesirable repercussions of any celebrations having an anti-Indian character.

(b) In response to repeated representations, the Pakistan authorities finally advised us to the effect that the proposed observance of September 6th as Defence of Pakistan Day was primarily to commemorate those who had fallen in the late conflict and there would be the usual prayers as appropriate for such occasions and the event was not aimed at any anti-Indian demonstration. It is understood that some precautionary measures were taken by the Government of Pakistan in Rawalpindi and other major cities of West Pakistan on September 6th and there were no reports of any anti-Indian demonstration on that occasion. However, the Pakistan Press and publicity media utilized the occasion for unfriendly propaganda.

**Expansion of Garden Reach
Workshop and Mazagon
Dock, Bombay**

1927. **Shri B. K. Das:**
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Garden Reach Workshop, Calcutta and the Mazagon

Dock, Bombay are working to their full capacities;

(b) whether it is a fact that cranes, road rollers, and air compressors are being manufactured in these two Workshops as there is no other work available to them;

(c) whether there is a proposal for their expansion; and

(d) whether any funds have been earmarked in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cranes, road rollers and air compressors are at present manufactured only in the Garden Reach Workshops Limited. Diesel oil engines are manufactured at Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay. At the time of acquisition, Garden Reach Workshops Limited had capacity for general engineering work which is now being more fully utilised. A Yard undertaking ship repair and ship construction should have composite facilities for fabrication, machining, casting, forging etc. There is always some spare capacity because of the very nature of activities and facilities available in a Shipyard. General engineering work, therefore, provides the necessary cushion for utilising available capacity.

(c) A scheme of expansion for increased ship repairing and ship-building facilities and also to facilitate building of Frigates is under execution at Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay. A scheme for modernisation of facilities in Garden Reach Workshops Limited to undertake construction of vessels upto 1,200 tons launching weight is under preparation.

(d) Necessary financial sanction exists for expansion scheme of Mazagon Dock Limited during 1966-67. Proposals for the expansion of Garden Reach Workshops Limited have not yet been finalised.