

responsible for any alteration in techniques which have occurred during actual implementation.

#### **Allotment of Scooters to Emergency Commissioned Officers**

**2500. Shri Lakshmu Bhawani:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state whether the Emergency Commissioned Officers who had applied for the Scooters under Officers' quota will be eligible for scooters after they are released from the Emergency Services and are employed in their original posts or elsewhere?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** Such of the Emergency Commissioned Officers, who revert to Civilian appointments under the Central Government without any break in service would be considered for allotment of scooters from the Central Government quota on the basis of their previous applications, if they continue to satisfy all the conditions of eligibility for the allotment of scooters.

#### **Aluminium Factory in Ratnagiri**

**2507. Shri M. R. Krishna:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an aluminium factory is being set up in Ratnagiri District, in Maharashtra and is being located at Ratnagiri and not at Jaigadh;

(b) whether the Germans or any other experts recommended Jaigadh site for location of the factory in their technical report;

(c) whether it is a fact that this recommendation was set aside for non-technical reasons and Ratnagiri was chosen instead; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) An aluminium smelter is being set up in Maharashtra State and the foreign technical con-

sultants have suggested location of the plants at Ratnagiri. The question of final location of the plants is still under consideration of the Government.

(b) When the project was originally envisaged in the private sector, Jaygad was proposed for location of the plants.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. In 1964, following the decision to take up implementation of the Koyna Aluminium Project in the public sector, the question of economics of location was considered by a Study Group consisting of officers from the Central Govt. and the Maharashtra Govt. The Study Group ruled out Jaygad site for the Koyna Aluminium Project on technical grounds viz. lack of necessary infra structure, likely higher investment costs particularly for movement of raw material and supply of electric power and limited water potential which might inhibit further expansion of the proposed new aluminium smelter. The foreign technical consultants are also in agreement with the views of the Study Group on Jaygad site and have indicated their preference for Ratnagiri.

#### **Staff Working at Bhilakhedi**

**2502. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new yard and diesel shed at Bhilakhedi are situated at a distance of over 6 Km. from Itarsi Station;

(b) whether it is a fact that neither transport arrangements nor educational, medical and marketing facilities have been provided for the staff working at Bhilakhedi; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to redress those genuine grievances of the staff?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):**

(a) Yes.