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Friday, May 4, 1962/Vaisakha 14, 1884
(Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair].

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Braham Prakash (Outer Delhi);
Syed Badrudduja (Murshidabad).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Heavy Structural, Plate and Vessel Plant

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*41a. } Shri Subodh Hansda:
 } Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether the proposal to set up
a heavy structural, plate and vessel
plant has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether the final plan
and estimate of the project has been
prepared; and

(c) what is the total estimated cost
of the project?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy In-
dustries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a)
No, Sir, not yet. Discussions with the
British Consultants are in the final
stages.

(b) and (c). One of the duties of the
Technical Consultants, once they
are appointed, will be to prepare a
detailed project report giving, amongst
other things, the lay-out of the plant,
programme of manufacture and esti-
mated costs of construction.

A rough preliminary estimate of
investment required is about Rs. 12
crores for the plant proper. In addi-
tion, about Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 crores may
be required for the residential colony
and other ancillary services.

Shri Subodh Hansda: As the Gov-
ernment propose to set up this factory,
may I know whether we have got
sufficient technical personnel to man
this project and, if not, what steps
are the Government taking to man
this proposed project?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We have a
training programme also and there-
fore that will be taken care of.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know
whether the location of the plant has
been settled?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is propos-
ed to locate it in the Vidarbha region
of the Maharashtra State.

Shri Daji: By what time would the
scheme be completed according to the
present target?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It will take
about three and a half years after the
signing of the contract which is ex-
pected to take place within a few
months.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What will
be the foreign exchange component
and may I also know whether global
tenders will be invited for the setting
up of this plant?

Shri C. Subramaniam: About Rs. 5
crores to Rs. 6 crores will be in
foreign exchange. The details of the
tender will be decided when the time
comes.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What
would be the productive capacity of
this plant once it goes into produc-
tion?