

progress made so far in regard to the establishment of the proposed Precision Instruments Plant in Kerala?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra):** The Detailed Project Report has since been received from M/s. Prommashexport, Moscow, and is being examined.

#### Steel Casting Plant at Wardha

**2906. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-Czech agreement has recently been concluded for setting up a plant to manufacture steel casting in Wardha (Maharashtra);

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement; and

(c) the details of the project?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra):** (a) to (c). An Agreement for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report for setting up of a Foundry Forge Plant at Wardha has been concluded between the Government of India and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on the 25th March 1965. The total capacity of the Plant will be 12,000 tons of steel and alloy steel castings, and 8,300 tons of steel forgings, including spun pipe moulds, per year. The estimated capital cost is about Rs. 15 crores. The price payable for the Detailed Project Report is Rs. 28.50 lakhs.

12.03 hrs.

#### RE: CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE (Query)

**Mr. Speaker:** Calling Attention Notice—Shri Nath Pai.

**Shri Nath Pai (Rajapur):** Sir,

before I read out the Calling Attention Notice on the plight of Indians and citizens of Indian origin in Zanzibar, I wish to invite your attention to my Calling Attention Notice, which is more important, on the reported fall of Biar Bet.....

**Mr. Speaker:** He has been informed about it.

**Shri Nath Pai:** I have received no intimation about that and that is why I want to bring it here to your notice.

**Mr. Speaker:** But let us take up this item which is on the Agenda.

12.04 hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

##### PLIGHT OF INDIANS AND CITIZENS OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN ZANZIBAR

**Shri Nath Pai (Rajapur):** Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of External Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:—

“The plight of Indians and citizens of Indian origin in Zanzibar.”

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh):** Since the Revolution in Zanzibar in January 1964, the new Government has been taking steps to take over the means of production in the Island. Thus, all land has been nationalised and clove and copra plantations taken over. Recently, 19 factories have also been nationalised. The immigrant communities, which include the people of Indian origin, have felt the impact of these measures because they were also owners of land and other means of production.