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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cement Manufacturing Machinery Plant at Durgapur

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*1430. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
 { Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

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

(a) whether the 20-crore machinery
plant to manufacture cement-making
mining and industrial steam-raising
machineries at Durgapur has been set
up;

(b) if so, how much foreign ex-
change it needed and how it was met;
and

(c) what would be the production
capacity of each of these machineries?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry
of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri
P. C. Sethi):** (a) to (c). The heavy
machine building factory set up at
Durgapur by M/s. ACC-Vickers-
Babcock Ltd., has gone into produc-
tion. The licensed capacity of this
factory is 6500 tons per annum of
Water Tube Boilers and Pressure Ves-
sels and 2230 tons per annum of
Cement Making, Mining, and other
general machinery. The requirements
of foreign exchange for capital equip-
ment estimated at Rs. 250 lakhs is met
by the investments of the U.K. colla-
borators and from subscription to De-
benture loans. The requirements of
foreign exchange for raw materials
and components depend on the orders
for machinery to be fabricated and
would be met from normal allocations
by Government supplemented by loans
from the foreign collaborators.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know
whether the bays, the machine-shops
and the forge-shops that have been
constructed are designed on modern
lines and if so, what are their mea-
surements?

Shri P. C. Sethi: For measurement,
I would require notice. But as far as
the design is concerned, they are ab-
solutely modern; it is in collaboration
with three foreign firms—Messrs
Vickers, Messrs Babcock and Messrs
Wilcox Limited.

Shri S. C. Samanta: The Minister
said that this plant has been con-
structed in collaboration with Messrs
AVB. May I know what is their in-
vestment in it?

Shri P. C. Sethi: The total cost of
the project will be Rs. 10·8 crores and
not Rs. 20 crores as envisaged by the
hon. Member.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Shri
Samanta wanted to know the invest-
ment made by Messrs AVB in this
plant.

Shri P. C. Sethi: I have just now
mentioned the names of the foreign
collaborators.

Mr. Speaker: What is the invest-
ment by them?

Shri P. C. Sethi: Investment by
them will be 49·8 per cent and 50·2
per cent by the Associated Cement
Company and other Indian companies.

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Shri D. C. Sharma: The hon. Minister stated the other day that we are going to have 12 new cement factories in the third Five Year Plan. May I know how far the demands of those cement factories for machinery will be met by this plant that we are settling up at Durgapur?

Shri P. C. Sethi: For that, a separate question will have to be put.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether the demands for machinery for setting up those 12 new cement factories will be met by this plant.

Shri P. C. Sethi: I have just now given the total capacity of this plant. For giving this information whether the demands will be met, I require separate notice.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: With the progress achieved in Durgapur, may I know to what extent we would be self-sufficient with regard to manufacture of machinery for cement factories, more particularly the rotary type?

Mr. Speaker: That would be much wider.

Heavy Machine Tools Plant, Ranchi

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*1431. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

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

(a) whether the detailed project report of the Heavy Machine Tools Plant, Ranchi has been received by Government from a Czechoslovakian firm; and

(b) if not, when it is expected?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know when this report was received by the Government and whether it has been

considered and accepted by the Government?

Shri P. C. Sethi: The contract of the project for Heavy Machines Tool Plant with foreign collaboration from a Czech company, was signed on 31st May 1961. . . .

Mr. Speakekr: Is there any information as to when the report was received?

Shri P. C. Sethi: There is no information about the time of receipt.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know what steps Government are taking to train the technical personnel to man this project?

Shri P. C. Sethi: I could not follow the question.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any provision for training of technical personnel in this?

Shri P. C. Sethi: There is no information about the training scheme. (Interruption).

Mr. Speaker: The difficulty has arisen because we had to change the dates. These questions were previously fixed for the 14th and now we had to accelerate it to the 13th.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: That should not make much difference.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I was not allowed to complete my sentence. The Senior Minister had fixed some engagement outside for the 13th and, therefore, he is not here. That is what I want to say.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know what would be the total cost of this according to the report, what part of it will be met internally and what will be met from outside?

Shri P. C. Sethi: The total cost of the project would be Rs. 15 crores. The cost will be met partly from the loan that we get from Czechoslovakia of Rs. 23.1 crores.