

Training for Supervisors of Ordnance Factories

*2024. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide further facilities for study and training to the supervisors employed in the Ordnance factories; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (**Shri Fatesingh-rao Gaekwad**): (a) A scheme for the training of Supervisors within Ordnance Factories is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise as the training scheme has not yet been finalised.

Shri Hem Raj: May I know whether this training will take place within the country or whether the supervisors will be sent out?

The Minister of Defence (**Shri Krishna Menon**): This relates to schemes of training inside the factories.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether any steps are being taken to train skilled workers for supervisory posts also?

Shri Krishna Menon: The schemes that are under investigation and enquiry are meant to cover the whole field. Therefore, they will cover not only skilled, but also unskilled workers and apprentices.

Shri Hem Raj: May I know in which sphere or in which subjects this training will be given to the supervisors?

Shri Krishna Menon: In all those matters which relate to Defence production; it may be engineering or chemical engineering or craftsmanship, or whatever it is.

Development of Iron Ore Deposits

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*2025. { **Shri Sanganna:**
Shri Panigrahi:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached between the Governments of India and Japan for developing the iron ore deposits in Rourkela area;

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance to be provided by Japan;

(c) whether there is any proposal to associate the Orissa State Government in this scheme; and

(d) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (**Shri B. E. Bhagat**): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A loan of \$ 8 million in yen will be provided by Japan for this purpose.

(c) and (d). The matter is still under consideration.

Shri Sanganna: May I know what are the terms of agreement?

Shri B. E. Bhagat: The terms of agreement are still to be signed but, broadly, the total scheme would cost about 87 million dollars of which 32.5 million dollars is the foreign exchange component. Of this about 25 million dollars would be met from the U.S. President's Asian Regional Fund and the balance, 8 million dollars, from Japan, mainly for the purpose of machinery and equipment.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether besides exporting iron ore from the Rourkela area any special agreement has been made between Japan and the Government of India for export of iron ore from the Sukhinda mines?

Shri B. E. Bhagat: So far as this scheme is concerned, that is not included.