

**Wastage of Steel in Ordnance
Factory, Kanpur.**

*939. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee/Board appointed to investigate into the wastage of Steel at Ordnance Factory Kanpur has concluded its findings;

(b) if so, what are its findings,

(c) the amount involved; and

(d) the persons responsible?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesinhrao Gaekwad): (a) Yes

(b) to (d) The Report has not yet reached the Government and so it is not possible to give this information

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that the Superintendent in whose time this wastage of steel took place has been transferred to the Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore? Why was he transferred before the completion of the enquiry?

Shri Fatesinhrao Gaekwad: I require separate notice for this

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether any officer was appointed by the D.G.O from the headquarters or from the Defence Ministry to investigate into these matters?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): The Board of Enquiry consists of Shri D R Mullick, Superintendent of Ordnance Factory, Muradnagar, Shri M Prasad, Deputy Assistant Director General of Ordnance, Headquarters and a representative of the Controller of Defence Accounts

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know when this report is likely to be finalised?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The report is now being examined by the Director General of Ordnance Factories We

are trying to expedite it and we shall have it as quickly as possible.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that a large amount of this wastage of steel was due to lack of co-ordination between the Ordnance factories and the Director-General as mentioned in the Audit Report for 1965-66 on page 16?

Shri Raghuramaiah: This relates to a particular shortfall in a certain thing and my hon. friend is raising a very general issue about lack of co-ordination. I have no information to connect this with that (*Interruptions*)

Mr Speaker: Order, order He has not got information that this is connected with that Next question

Vigyan Mandirs

*940 **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 499 on the 28th November, 1968 and state

(a) whether the working and benefits of Vigyan Mandirs already established have been reviewed and examined; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr M M Das): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT

As a result of the review carried out into the working of the Vigyan Mandirs already established, their role has been revised as indicated below to render them more efficient agencies for the dissemination of scientific and cultural knowledge in rural areas:—

- (1) To serve basically as an educative institution with the object of explaining to the