

(c) whether any sites have been selected for the location of these factories; and

(d) if so, the names of the sites selected?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (d). The Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. have been entrusted with the task of developing a project report for the setting up of two more factories in the public sector for the production of medium type of machine tools. The estimates of cost, selection of sites etc are under examination by the Hindustan Machine Tools and their report is awaited.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: May I ask him whether there is any tentative target date fixed for having these factories? Could the hon. Minister tell us that there will be one in the north also?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Our idea is to have one of these two factories in the north. The site is actually not located. We expect that by the middle of the fourth year the Third Plan both the factories with 1000 ton machines oils per year capacity would have been established.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether in the setting up of the two proposed new factories there is to be no element of foreign collaboration at all and they will be set up entirely with our own resources?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The resources will be ours. But, the technical collaboration will be there. We are negotiating with four countries for collaboration in different types of machine tools.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Which countries?

Shri Manubhai Shah: East Germany will be one. We are also discussing with West Germany, U.K., the Soviet Union and Poland.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इस पर विचार कर रही है

कि इस फैक्टरी को वहाँ लगाया जाय जहाँ कि आयरन फैक्टरी नजदीक में हो ताकि कौस्ट आफ प्रोडक्शन कम पड़े और वह एकोनामिकल हो ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : जी नहीं ऐसा हमारा ख्याल नहीं है क्योंकि बहुत जगह इंडस्ट्रियल कंजेशन हो गया है क्योंकि बड़ी बड़ी फैक्टरीज वहाँ पर लगाई गई हैं। हर एक स्टेट को इसका लाभ मिलना चाहिये।

श्री हेम राज : हिन्दुस्तान फैक्टरी ने जो कमेटी बनाई है उसने किन किन राज्यों का दौरा किया है ?

श्री मनुभाई शाह : दौरा तो वे बाद में करेंगे। अभी तो वह सारी साइट्स को एग्जामिन कर रहे हैं। लोकल स्टेट्स गवर्नमेंट्स से कंटैक्ट कर रहे हैं और सारी चीजों को दरियाफ्त कर रहे हैं।

Strike at Heavy Electrical Project Bhopal

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*876. { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a strike of over 2,000 apprentices of the Heavy Electrical Project Bhopal, took place recently; and

(b) if so, the grievances of the strikers and how far they have been redressed?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. There was a strike for two days i.e., 13th and 14th October, 1960. They resumed work unconditionally on 15th October, 1960.

(b) Their claim was that some of the trainees who had completed their course of training should be absorbed in the factory on regular employment when production commenced. They have since been absorbed.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: It seems to be a very unusually large number of apprentices for this particular plant if 2000 were involved in this strike. I want to know whether, when these apprentices were taken on—a very large number of apprentices—they were given to unders and that once they completed their apprenticeship course, and the plant went into production, a majority of them would be ensured permanent employment there?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Yes, Sir. This word 'apprentice' is not quite in the normal sense of the term. They are pre-production trainees who are being given training to pick up the skill required for the Heavy Electrical project. Now we have about 3000 boys under training there. It is clear that those of them who qualify after training and have the proper competence will all be absorbed.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: 877.

Shri K. N. Pande: I want to ask one question.

Mr. Speaker: On the last question?

Shri K. N. Pande: On the last question. May I know whether the apprentices have been recruited taking into consideration the vacancies to be created in the future?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Not only vacancies. This is a new plant. Therefore, to man the entire project, it will require 18,000 semi skilled technicians and Engineers. It is a very very big enterprise. Four thousand have been recruited so far. They are all being trained now. Most of them have been found extremely competent. We will have to recruit 4,000 more.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: If it was clear from the beginning that these people would be absorbed here provided they qualified, how did it come about that 2000 people had to go on strike?

Shri Manubhai Shah: Because there are many friends like my hon. friend

questioning me here who give them different types of hopes and raise doubts in their minds.

Naga Hostiles

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*877. { Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri M. M. Gandhi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a serious clash took place between the Naga hostiles and village guards near Mokokchung on the 7th October, 1960; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika): (a) and (b). A clash took place between the Naga hostiles and the Village Guards near Mokokchung on the night of the 7th October, 1960 at about 23:30 hours. Nearly a hundred hostiles attacked Mopungchukit post from three different directions and also set fire to the nearby huts. The Village Guards held ground against superior manpower and fire power for two hours. The hostiles fled on arrival of the army reinforcements. In the encounter two Village Guards were injured. One Village girl was killed and another wounded. One hostile was killed and several others are believed to have been injured.

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: In the light of the reply given just now, it is evident that our forces and the Village guards were overpowered by the rebels. Moreover, it is apparent that the hostiles were equipped with more effective weapons, perhaps supplied by outside powers. On many occasions we were told that the Government have no precise information about that. In this connection, may I draw the attention of the Government to the despatch appearing in the *Observer* dated 5th December, 1960 in which it was revealed that arms are being supplied by Peking through