

Second Shipyard

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 Shri Kunhan:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri P. G. Deb:
 Shri S. A. Mehdi:
 Shri Warrior:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Kalika Singh:
 Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
 Shri Maniyangadan:
 Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 564 on the 19th August, 1960 and state:

(a) the further progress made in setting up the Second Shipyard at Cochin;

(b) whether the negotiations for technical collaboration with U.K., West Germany, Japan and Sweden have since been concluded; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Kerala State Government are already taking necessary steps for the acquisition of about 100 acres of land required for the Second Shipyard and it is expected that the work will be completed in about six months time.

(b) and (c). The question of obtaining technical/financial collaboration for this project from foreign countries is still under consideration of Government and it may therefore not be in the public interest to disclose the progress made so far in this regard.

Export of Coaches

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 Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:
 Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
 Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
 Kumari M. Vedakumari:
 Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been entered into with Pakistan Railways for the export of 60 coaches built at the Integral Coach Factory;

(b) whether any negotiations have been conducted with the Government of Ceylon by the Chief Administrative Officer, Integral Coach Factory, for supplying them with coaches built in this factory; and

(c) what is the present capacity of the factory?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. But against a global enquiry of 20 B.G. and 60 M.G. Coaches. State Trading Corporation has submitted a tender for the supply of these coaches from the Integral Coach Factory. This tender has yet not been decided.

(b) No, Sir. Only a delegation consisting of an Officer of State Trading Corporation and two Officers of Railways visited Ceylon in August, 1960 for exploratory talks with the Ceylon Government for finding out possibilities of export of Railway equipment and rolling stock to that country.

(c) About 600 B.G. Coach Shells per year.

Kandla Port Free Trade Zone

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 67 on the 2nd August, 1960 and state:

(a) the progress, since made in consideration of the suggestions for Kandla Port Free Trade Zone;

(b) the number of suggestions considered; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The