

requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

During the Second Plan period, the Government of India undertook a scheme for the establishment of Special Employment Exchanges for the physically handicapped. Such Exchanges have so far been established in Bombay, Delhi and Madras.

Moreover instructions have been issued to normal Employment Exchanges to the effect that they should offer special assistance to physically handicapped registrants. Instructions have also been issued that handicapped persons examined and certified as fit by Medical Boards attached to Special Employment Exchanges for the Physically Handicapped should not be subjected to a further medical examination by the employing departments.

Ordnance Factory, Kanpur

*690. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the proposal to expand the Ordnance Factory, Kanpur;

(b) the details of the expansion programme; and

(c) the production during 1960-61 as compared to 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) There is no proposal to extend the size of the Ordnance Factory premises at Kanpur. However, a project report for setting up of an alloy and special steel plant prepared by the Director-General of Ordnance Factories has now been received and is under consideration of Government. This will be a separate factory.

(b) The proposal is to set up a plant of capacity for 50,000 tons of alloy and special steels annually.

(c) The production in the Ordnance Factory, Kanpur, has increased during

1960-61 as compared to 1959-60 by about 11 per cent.

Air Crash Near Calcutta

*692. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
Shri Agadi:
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force Dakota crashed in the Bosepara area of Mahesh (Serampore) near Calcutta on the 12th October, 1961;

(b) if so, what loss of life and property was involved in the accident; and

(c) what was the cause of the crash?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). 3 I.A.F. Officers and two local residents were killed. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the accident. The cause of the accident if the same is discovered or inferred from available evidence will be known only on the completion of the enquiry.

Ankleshwar Oil

*693. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the refining of Ankleshwar mineral oils was started;

(b) the quantity of different fuels produced till the end of November, 1961; and

(c) whether the progress so far made is according to the planned schedule?