

Shri K. K. Basu: How many of these new licences were granted to the firms with foreign capitalists and managements and investments and what is their production capacity?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Our statistical bias does not proceed in that direction. I am unable to give any information on that point.

EXPERT ADVISER ON FOUNDRIES

*515. **Ch. Raghubir Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that under the Point Four Programme, an expert was appointed in 1952 to advise the various foundries?

(b) If so, who was that expert and what salary did he draw?

(c) What were his recommendations?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mr. John F. Schnur. No salary was payable to him either by the Government of India or by the Foundries which utilized his services.

(c) He has not yet submitted his report.

TEAM OF EXPERTS TO CHINA

*516. **Shri Raghavaiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether it is proposed to send a team of experts to China to study how the river Hwangtso has been controlled?

(b) If so, when is the team expected to leave for China?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The proposal to send a team of experts to China to study flood problems is still in an exploratory stage.

लेट वीहिन्य हास : में मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो विलेपनों को बनाने का विचार किया जा रहा है, वे कौन कौन से हैं? मैं क्या सुझाव दे सकता हूँ?

पर विचार करेंगे या और भी वहां पर इस प्रकार के जो काम हुए हैं, उन सब पर विचार करेंगे?

Shri Hathi: They will study the flood problems and how to control floods.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know whether the Government has any knowledge about the dimension and complexity—I mean, the technological and engineering difficulties in the execution of this particular scheme in China, so that it would be helpful for Indian engineers to go there and learn something?

Shri Hathi: They have some data. Further data is being collected.

CONSULATE IN PORT PENANG

*518. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a Consular Office has been opened in Port Penang by the Government of India?

(b) Who is going to be appointed as Consular Officer?

(c) What are the functions and activities of the Consulate?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). The Government of India have decided to post an officer to Penang and an officer who has experience of work in the Ministry of External Affairs has been selected for the appointment. He will be leaving for Penang shortly. His duties will be to issue travel documents and render other kinds of consular assistance to Indian nationals residing in his area.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, the considerations by which such officers are appointed?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Ability, competency, suitability.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know if the officer who has been appointed has got this ability, competency, etc.?