

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The question of how best the steel re-rolling industry can serve the general interests, in relation to the proposed increase in steel production, is under consideration.

(b) The cost of production for the categories of steel produced by the re-rolling industry is higher than that of the main producers.

(c) The scope for competition is very limited, as the industry is controlled.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Is it a fact that the supply of raw materials to this industry is very inadequate and stands in the way of progress, and if so, what remedy is going to be done by Government?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It is a fact sometimes. Some of the smaller units use scrap instead of billets as the raw material. Scrap is in short supply and at the moment, I think nothing material could be done.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know what is the opinion of the Tariff Board in this respect?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether this industry is well distributed in the country—spread all over the country?

**Shri Karmarkar:** No, Sir, so far as I know.

#### ATOMIC ENERGY

\*414. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether some members of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee of the Congress of U.S.A. had recently visited Delhi;

(b) if so, whether they held any discussions with the Indian Atomic Scientists; and

(c) the nature of the discussions held?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Mutual cooperation in the field of atomic energy.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the question of inviting Indian scientists and engineers to the Reactor Training Institute in the U.S.A. was also discussed by that Committee?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** I have no idea as to what they talked about. I was not present.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the main purpose of the Committee which visited Delhi—whether they had come here to enquire into the prospect of the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, or what was the specific purpose?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** That particular team was going round the world. It visited numerous countries and in the course of it, they spent two days in Delhi. In fact, so far as I remember, they came here.—well, we knew about their visit only two days before they came here. They came in the midst, of our people and went away a few days before, I think.

#### SEWING MACHINES

\*415. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Sewing Machine Manufacturers' Association for the grant of licences for the import of certain parts of sewing machines; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken on this representation?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a representation from Sewing Machine Industries Association, Ludhiana, has been received. Information on some of the points urged in the representation is awaited from the Government of Punjab.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** May I know whether any attempt is being made to manufacture these parts in India at all?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Yes, Sir. There are two very efficient units manufacturing very good machines

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether, in the complaint that has been received from the Ludhiana Association of the Singer Sewing machines, there is any allegation that so far, licences have been given to various individuals but have been denied to associations and actual consumers, and whether there is any truth in that allegation?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I am not aware of the exact statement made by the hon. Member.

#### INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

\*418. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 901 on the 8th December, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Government have since come to any decision regarding the constitution of the Industrial Management Service:

(b) if so, the proposed strength of the service and the method of its recruitment; and

(c) if not, by what time Government propose to finalise the matter?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) No

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Government and an early decision on the constitution of the Industrial Management Service is expected to be taken.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Is this question not given top priority?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Due priority has been given to this matter.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the basis on which the Managing Directors or the Directors of the different enterprises which are being run by the Production Ministry are chosen?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** On the basis of suitability, competence, etc.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether there is any industrial management cadre or pool out of which officers are drawn for the special undertakings that are being run in the country?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The whole question relates to that. Government are considering the desirability of establishing the cadre and they are giving very close attention to this very important problem. The question has been discussed at various levels and I may add, for the information of the hon. Member that a very early decision is very likely.

#### TITANIUM DIOXIDE INDUSTRY

\*419. **Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government have any scheme for nationalising or expanding the Titanium Dioxide Industry?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** No, Sir.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Is the Government aware that this industry has much scope for expansion and being the only one of the four industries in the world the country demands its expansion?

**Shri Kanungo:** In fact, internal consumption of this is rather limited and the particular unit can survive only if there is a good export demand.

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Is the hon. Minister aware that the Titanium Dioxide produced in our factory satisfies all the internal demands and we are sending abroad also?

**Shri Kanungo:** That is exactly what I said. It is progressing because it has been able to secure some export demands.