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Shri Goray: Will there be any refresher courses for these people?

Sardar Majithia: I have already replied that there are no refresher courses.

Indian Military Mission to Russia

*115. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Military Mission headed by the Chief of the Army Staff is visiting Russia,

(b) if so, the object of the visit, and

(c) the duration of its stay in that country?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) to (c) At the invitation of the Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Zhukov, the Chief of the Army Staff, accompanied by a number of officers of the Defence Services has proceeded to Moscow to witness the Soviet Navy Day Celebrations. The party will be the personal guests of Marshal Zhukov and will be in the Soviet Union for about ten days.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Now that they have gone to see the air display, may I know whether we intend importing any of the Soviet pattern of ships or aeroplanes to India?

Sardar Majithia: That does not arise out of this. They have only gone at the invitation of Marshal Zhukov the Defence Minister, to witness the Naval Day celebrations.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know how many other countries had already invited our Chief of Army Staff, and how many invitations have been accepted?

Sardar Majithia: I require notice:

Shri Jaipal Singh: The original invitation was for a much earlier date;

then it was suddenly changed; meteorological considerations seem to have affected it. May we know now why the date was changed?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): The original invitation was given when Marshal Zhukov was here, quite apart from any function there, and it was accepted, subject, of course, to convenient dates. Subsequently, the invitation was fixed for the Air Force parade day. That date was changed; the Air Force display there was itself postponed, for various reasons, including, I believe, expected bad weather; and it did not take place, so far as I know, yet. Then, this other invitation came, and it was accepted.

Fertilizer Plant at Rourkela

*116. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 608 on the 29th May, 1957 and state the salient features of the Project Report on the Fertilizer Plant proposed to be set up at Rourkela by Messrs Bochako of West Germany?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): The salient features of the Project Report on the Fertilizer Plant are as follows —

- (i) The maximum capacity of the Plant is estimated at 1,20,000 tons of nitrogen per year (5,80,000 tons of calcium ammonium nitrate). The capacity will, however, be limited by the quantity of Coke Oven gas available after meeting the requirements of the Steel Works.
- (ii) The Consultants have recommended the manufacture of calcium ammonium nitrate because of the availability of raw materials at cheap costs. In their opinion, the production of urea on a large scale instead of calcium ammonium nitrate is handicapped at Rourkela, because there is not enough carbon dioxide available.

- (iii) The total investment cost including working capital, services (water, power and workshops) and capital outlay on residential colony is estimated at Rs. 18 crores.

Defence Headquarters Building

*117. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether plans have been finalised for constructing new buildings in Delhi for Defence Headquarters,
 (b) if so, what is the estimated expenses, and
 (c) how much foreign exchange, if any, will be needed for such construction?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) No

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know if there is a firm decision of Government, or there is likely to be, regarding the postponement of all construction of so-called prestige buildings during the Second Five Year Plan Period?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): No, Sir

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Gold in Keonjhar District

*107. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

- (a) whether detailed investigation has since been made to ascertain the quality and quantity of gold ore found in Keonjhar district of Orissa,
 (b) if so, the result thereof, and
 (c) whether working of mines will be profitable?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Iron Ore Project

*111. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 94 on 16th May, 1957 and state:

(a) how far the survey of rail, port and other facilities needed for the Iron Ore Project has proceeded, and

(b) whether the question of surveying Geonkhali on the Western bank of the river Hooghly for a subsidiary mechanical port, has also been examined?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. K. Bhagat): (a) Field work in regard to facilities for the export of Orissa iron ore has been completed and the survey report is expected by September

(b) The scheme has no relation to the survey referred to in part (a) of the Question I understand, however, the Transport Ministry is seized of the problem and a study is being made of it

Tribal Students, Tripura

*113. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) the number of Tribal students who are studying in non-government secondary schools in Tripura; and

(b) the nature of aid enjoyed by them, if any?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha in due course

Life Insurance Corporation

*118. Shri Anirudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total amount of New Life Insurance business completed by the