

actual requirements of synthetic rubber has been made and if so whether any provision for the establishment of such units is under contemplation of the Government during the third Five Year Plan?

Shri Manubhai Shah: We do believe that much larger quantities of rubber will continue to be required by this country for its automobile and various other industries consuming rubber. Therefore, continuous planning is going ahead in order to see that we establish more and more capacity.

Shri Punnoose: May I know the production capacity of this factory and the estimated cost?

Shri Manubhai Shah: The production capacity will be 3,000 tons of rubber and the estimated cost will be Rs. 14½ crores more.

Meeting between Indian and Chinese Prime Ministers

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*312-A. { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any approach has been made for a meeting between Prime Ministers of India and China to resolve border dispute between the two countries; and

(b) whether Prime Minister of Burma has taken any interest in the matter and discussed it with either of the countries concerned?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As a friend of both India and China, the ex-Prime Minister of Burma was naturally interested in the settlement of the problem but he had not, as he himself stated at Rajgir in January last, offered to intervene.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know what was the nature of the

interest taken by the ex-Prime Minister of Burma and whether he has made any proposal or suggestions in this connection?

Mr. Speaker: The Deputy Minister has replied to it just now.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): It was a subject that interested him. I do not know what the special nature of the interest was. He did not make any proposals or send them to us or anybody else.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that except advancing the pre-posterous theory of actuality, China has not been able to advance any concrete reason for her occupation of our territory, may I know on what basis the Burmese ex-Prime Minister was suggesting negotiations? How can there be negotiations?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: To begin with, he has made no suggestion and therefore, there can be no basis for that. Secondly, it is possible for people not to be quite of the same opinion as the hon. Member.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Since the report was submitted by the teams of officers, may I know what progress has been made and whether there are any prospects of a meeting?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I regret to say there has been no progress made and there is no prospect of our meeting together to consider that report.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether the two reports of the joint official teams—one Chinese and another Indian—differ materially in any way and if so, may I know whether Government propose to send this matter for arbitration, a suggested by Shri Jaya Prakash Narain?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: There is no talk of arbitration. There was a reference outside the House, but there has been no talk and no proposal, so far as I know, of sending it to arbitration.