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Friday, May 4, 1962/Vaisakha 14, 1884  
(Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair].

#### MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Braham Prakash (Outer Delhi);  
Syed Badrudduja (Murshidabad).

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Heavy Structural, Plate and Vessel Plant

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\*41a. } Shri Subodh Hansda:  
      } Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy  
Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up  
a heavy structural, plate and vessel  
plant has been finalised;

(b) if so, whether the final plan  
and estimate of the project has been  
prepared; and

(c) what is the total estimated cost  
of the project?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy In-  
dustries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a)  
No, Sir, not yet. Discussions with the  
British Consultants are in the final  
stages.

(b) and (c). One of the duties of the  
Technical Consultants, once they  
are appointed, will be to prepare a  
detailed project report giving, amongst  
other things, the lay-out of the plant,  
programme of manufacture and esti-  
mated costs of construction.

A rough preliminary estimate of  
investment required is about Rs. 12  
crores for the plant proper. In addi-  
tion, about Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 crores may  
be required for the residential colony  
and other ancillary services.

Shri Subodh Hansda: As the Gov-  
ernment propose to set up this factory,  
may I know whether we have got  
sufficient technical personnel to man  
this project and, if not, what steps  
are the Government taking to man  
this proposed project?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We have a  
training programme also and there-  
fore that will be taken care of.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know  
whether the location of the plant has  
been settled?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It is propos-  
ed to locate it in the Vidarbha region  
of the Maharashtra State.

Shri Daji: By what time would the  
scheme be completed according to the  
present target?

Shri C. Subramaniam: It will take  
about three and a half years after the  
signing of the contract which is ex-  
pected to take place within a few  
months.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What will  
be the foreign exchange component  
and may I also know whether global  
tenders will be invited for the setting  
up of this plant?

Shri C. Subramaniam: About Rs. 5  
crores to Rs. 6 crores will be in  
foreign exchange. The details of the  
tender will be decided when the time  
comes.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: What  
would be the productive capacity of  
this plant once it goes into produc-  
tion?