

(b) What dividends have they paid to their shareholders during the last three years?

(c) What is the percentage rise in the price of tyres as between those obtaining in 1940 and 1950?

(d) Has the price of raw rubber gone down 300 per cent. during the last six months?

(e) If so, has there been a corresponding fall in the price of tyres?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) (1) Messrs. Dunlop Rubber Co. (India) Ltd., Calcutta.

(2) Messrs. Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. (India) Ltd., Bombay.

(3) Messrs. Travancore Rubber Works, Trivandrum.

(4) Messrs. National Rubber Manufacturers Ltd., Calcutta.

(b) Full and precise information is not available.

(c) 120 to 145 per cent. for certain selected sizes of motor car tyres.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

X-RAY APPARATUS

150. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to manufacture X-ray apparatus in India and the results thereof; and

(b) the number of X-ray apparatuses imported during 1953-54?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A firm is already manufacturing X-ray and other Electro-medical apparatus in the country. Permission has been given to another firm also for the production of this equipment.

(b) Statistics relating to imports of 'X-ray Apparatus' are not available as they are not separately recorded in the Accounts relating to the Foreign (Sea, Air and Land) Trade and Navigation of India. However, Electro-medical apparatus (including X-ray apparatus) to the value of Rs. 18,48,300 were imported during the seven months from April to October, 1953.