

in progress. It is our hope, however, that with the increasing difficulty in obtaining foreign exchange as also the increased cost of imports, the indigenous manufacturers will exert themselves to meet the shortage.

Manufacture of Scooters

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 Shri Jashvant Mehta;
 Shri P. R. Patel;
 Shri Heda;
 Shri R. Barua;
 Shri Yashpal Singh
 Shri D. D. Mantri;
 Shri Basumatari;
 Shri R. S. Pandey;

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for the grant of licences for manufacturing scooters and auto-cycles during this year upto the 30th May;

(b) whether Government have fixed any criteria for allotting manufacturing licences; and

(c) whether any applicant has informed Government that he can manufacture scooters without any foreign collaboration?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) and (b). The last date fixed by Government for receiving applications for additional licensing of scooters etc. was 31-5-1965. The number of applications received upto that date is 146.

While inviting fresh applications, it was laid down that the schemes should envisage *inter alia* a capacity of 30,000 to 60,000 Nos. per annum for scooters and 50,000 to 100,000 Nos. per annum for Auto-cycles; the phased manufacturing programme should start with a minimum indigenous content of 80 per cent going upto 100 per cent in two or three years; in the case of Auto-cycles, the retail selling price should be about Rs. 400 or Rs. 500.

(c) Eight applicants have submitted schemes involving no foreign collaboration.

Industries in Africa

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 Shri R. Barua;
 Shri Raghunath Singh;
 Shri Yashpal Singh;
 Shri D. D. Mantri;
 Shri Basumatari;
 Shri Ram Sewak;
 Shri P. G. Sen;
 Shri Mohan Swarup;

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian firms have been permitted to set up certain Industries in Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) by whom these industries are to be set up?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4654/65].

Hard Board Factory in Canada

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 Shri Narendra Singh
 Mahida;
 Shri Raghunath Singh;
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa;
 Shri Kindar Lal;
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that for the first time India will export technical know-how and skill to an advanced country like Canada under a joint venture for putting up a hard board project there;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof and whether such collaboration will be extended further to other advanced countries;

(c) whether India has been assisting countries in the South-East Asia and Africa in industrial projects; and

(d) if so, the particulars of assistance given, country-wise?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.