

मीटर बनाने का कार्य अपने हाथ में लेगी;
और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार का किस प्रकार बिजली के इन मीटरों की कमी को दूर करने का विचार है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) बिजली के मीटरों में आत्म निर्भर होने के लिये उद्योग (विकास और नियमन) अधिनियमन के अन्तर्गत वर्तमान कारखानों का विस्तार करने और नये कारखाने खोलने के लाइसेन्स दिये गये हैं । देश में इन मीटरों की मांग स्वदेशी साधनों से यथाशीघ्र काफी हद तक पूरी होने लगेगी । स बीच पुराने आयातकों की मार्फत बहुत सीमित मर्यादा में इनके आयात की अनुमति दी जाती है । स्वयं उपयोग करने वाले राज्यों और अन्य बिजली सग नों को भी उनकी जरूरी आवश्यकताओं के लिये आयात करने की अनुमति दी जाती है ।

Consumer Goods

*572. **Shri Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what precautionary steps Government have taken to prevent rise in prices and deterioration in quality of domestic consumer goods as a result of ban or restriction imposed on the import of several items of consumers' interest?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Prices are constantly kept under watch with a view to taking such remedial or corrective measures as are possible. Steps have been taken to encourage and maximise indigenous production. Imports of certain items are canalised through agencies approved by Government. Moreover, the Government have appealed to trade and industry not to increase their prices above the level prevailing in the first quarter of 1957 and the response has been quite encouraging.

The prices of indigenous goods have not in general shown any appreciable increase, and the Government do not apprehend any significant deterioration in the quality of domestic consumer goods; no instances of deterioration in quality have so far been brought to the notice of the Government.

Small Scale Industries in Orissa

*573. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether small-scale industries in Orissa have secured orders from the National Small Scale Industries Corporation;

(b) if so, the names of those small scale industries; and

(c) the amount of orders placed by the National Small Scale Industries Corporation during 1957-58 so far, State-wise?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 104].

Coir Mats and Mattings

*574. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to lessen the high tariffs imposed by foreign countries on imports of Indian Coir Mats and Mattings; and

(b) which of the countries have so far responded to the efforts made by the Government of India in this regard?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 105].