

(b) Preliminary estimates of cost are given in the earlier report of the Soviet experts, copies of which are in the Parliament Library. There will be no Soviet investment in the project; only a long term credit has been negotiated.

#### Plant for Coal Mining Machinery and Optical Glass

\*170. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Russian experts have toured some areas of Bihar and Orissa to find out suitable sites for the location of Coal Mining Machinery Plant and Optical Glass Plant;

(b) if so, whether any report has been submitted to Government; and

(c) what are the broad features of the report?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Regarding the optical glass factory, the Soviet expert team, which came to prepare a preliminary report, considered a number of places for establishing the plant and recommended the Asansol area as the most suitable. For the coal mining machinery plant, the first team of Soviet experts did not consider the possible locations but mentioned only the factors to be borne in mind in choosing a site. The Soviet experts, who are now in India, are considering the suitability of different locations in the coal bearing areas. In both the cases however, the final decision about exact locations has yet to be taken by Government.

#### Plastic Industry

\*171. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cashew Shell oil is now being used as a base raw material by the Indian Plastic Industry; and

(b) if so, the quantity consumed for the purpose?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Plastic Industry

\*172. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total imports of finished plastics in 1957;

(b) what raw materials consumed by the plastic industry are manufactured in India; and

(c) what are those that are imported and the quantum of total imports?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 78].

#### मध्य प्रदेश में कागज का कारखाना

\*१७३. श्री रा० स० तिवारी : क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के सतना जिले में कागज का एक कारखाना स्थापित किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यह कारखाना सरकार द्वारा बनाया जा रहा है अथवा किसी निजी व्यक्ति द्वारा ;

(ग) इस कारखाने की कुल लागत क्या होगी और यह कब तक बन कर तैयार हो जायगा ; और

(घ) कारखाने में प्रति वर्ष कितने टन कागज के उत्पादन का अनुमान है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुमाई शाह) :

(क) और (ख). चूंकि कागज के कारखाने के लिये बड़े पैमाने पर पानी की जरूरत होती है और यह फर्म कागज प्रायोजना के लिये सतना जिले में कोई स्थान नहीं पा