

### Air Conditioning Equipment and Components

\*181. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the value of air-conditioning equipments and their components and accessories actually imported into India in the year 1957; and

(b) whether Government have any information of the profits made on such imports by the importers?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexeure No. 80.]

(b) No, Sir.

### Sewing Machines

\*182. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the steps which are being taken to improve the quality of sewing machines manufactured in India?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): At present, only domestic Sewing Machines are produced in the country on a significant scale. According to the Tariff Commission Report (1954) the quality of the indigenously produced machines is generally satisfactory. Further, the following steps have been taken to improve the quality of the sewing machines manufactured in the organised (large scale) sector.

(i) Introduction of improved production techniques by installing latest type of Machine Tools.

(ii) Establishment of quality control department and installation of laboratory equipment.

In the small scale sector, the Small Industries Service Institutes are rendering technical advice to the units. Further, components which cannot be had locally in satisfactory quality are being allowed to be imported. The Government of Punjab have also a quality marking scheme.

### Indians Abroad

202. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of Indians abroad, country-wise;

(b) the total number of Indians who have permanently settled abroad; and

(c) the names of the countries where they are settled?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c). The exact figures of Indians abroad are not available but the following table shows the number of people of Indian origin in countries where they number 1,000 and over.

Name of country	Number of persons of Indian origin
	Commonwealth countries
Aden (1955)	15,817
Australia (1947)	2,500
British Honduras (1954)	2,000
Br. Guiana (1954)	2,10,000
Br. North Borneo (1954)	2,000
Canada (1955)	3,750
Ceylon (1954) (a)	9,69,726
Fiji Islands (1955)	1,60,303
Grenada	6,000
Hong Kong (1955) (a)	2,000
Jamaica (1954)	26,000
Kenya (1954)	1,27,000
Malaya (1955) (b)	7,20,013
Mauritius (1955) (d)	3,75,918
New Zealand (1952)	1,200
Nyasaland (a) (1954)	6,000
Rhodesia (Northern) (a)	3,500
Rhodesia (Southern) (a)	4,700
Sarawak (1954)	2,201
Singapore (b) (1954)	91,029
South Africa (1951)	3,65,524
St. Lucia (1954)	3,000
St. Vincent (1954)	2,000