

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

*Statement*

Year	Production (No. of bicycles)
1955	491,171
1956	663,969
1957	790,579
1958	483,544

(January to June, 1958)

(d) The Plan target is 1.25 million bicycles for the year 1960-61.

(e) Government have approved the full capacity, and with the present trend in the increase of production of bicycles it is expected that the target would be achieved.

**Import of Tobacco**

\*1612. Shri Nanjappa: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 916 on the 4th September, 1958 and state:

(a) the purpose for which the un-manufactured tobacco is imported from Ceylon and places where it is needed;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to grow this variety and quality of tobacco in the country; and

(c) if so, where and with what result?

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

(a) For chewing in Kerala State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Shertallai in Kerala State. Results of experiments indicate the possibility of growing this variety in this region.

**Films Divisions**

\*1613. Shri Wedeyar: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to have two films divisions, one for the South and the other for North India; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Kekar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shortage of X-Ray Films**

\*1614. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri Tangamani:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that because of shortage of X-ray films the X-Ray Department of the Calcutta Medical College Hospital has closed since the 6th August, 1958;

(b) what steps Government have taken to ensure that X-Ray films would be available to hospitals; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to supply the X-Ray films through the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd., and if so, when?

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

(a) Government have no information about the closing down of the X-Ray Department of the Calcutta Medical College Hospital due to shortage of films.

(b) and (c). Besides issue of licences to established importers, efforts are being made to secure supplies of X-Ray films, through the State Trading Corporation which may be able to meet partly the requirements of the various State Governments.