

3. Bristles.
4. Wool.
5. Lemongrass oil.
6. Sandalwood oil.

State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd.

*1056. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken on the question of reducing the commission from $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. charged from the private sector by the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd. for imports?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): It is not correct to say that the State Trading Corporation is charging a commission from the private sector in respect of import and export transactions. What is charged by the State Trading Corporation in such cases is in the nature of a fee to meet the cost of services rendered by it in respect of any individual transaction depending upon the nature of the commodity and the transaction. The charges vary and are fixed in line with normal trade practices. There is no uniform charge, and the question of reducing it does not therefore arise.

Manganese Ore

*1057. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of Manganese ore from the Western countries has recently increased, and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). There has been some revival in the trade enquiries for manganese ore. But these enquiries are for small lots only, although we expect some broadening of the interest in the months to come.

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बरेली (उत्तर प्रदेश) में कृत्रिम रबड़ का कारखाना

*१०५८. { श्री नवल वर्तन :
श्री मोहन स्वल्प :
श्री नवल प्रजापार :

क्या बालिजय तथा उद्योग मंत्री ३१ जुलाई, १९५७ के तारकित प्रश्न संख्या ५०९ क उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बरेली (उत्तर प्रदेश) में कृत्रिम रबड़ के कारखाने की स्थापना में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) इस परियोजना पर अनुमानित कितना व्यय होगा . और

(ग) इस कारखाने की कितनी उत्पादन क्षमता होगी तथा इस में कब से उत्पादन कार्य आरम्भ होगा ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) में (ग). कृत्रिम रबड़ बनाने का कारखाना स्थापित करने के बारे में अभी बात चीन चल रही है। इसकी उत्पादन क्षमता २०,००० टन प्रति वर्ष रखने का विचार है। अभी में यह नहीं कहा जा सकता है कि कारखाने में कब तक उत्पादन होने लगा अथवा इस प्रायोजना पर कल कितना खर्च आएगा।

Salt Manufacture at Kharaghoda

*1059. { Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri Fatehsinh Ghodasar:

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

(a) what is the quantity of present stock of salt accumulated on Government and private account at Kharaghoda (Bombay) and the reasons for this accumulation;

(b) whether due to the accumulation, salt manufacture has been stopped and the labourers have become unemployed; and