

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 वर्मान :
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

(c) if so, the number of labourers affected thereby?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) The position as on 1st November, 1958, was that the Government Salt Works had a stock of 63 lakh maunds while the private salt works had about 28 lakh maunds. The main reason for the accumulation of stocks is increased production by the private salt works, especially the unlicensed works

(b) According to the information available to Government, no labour has become unemployed due to the accumulation of stocks. So far as the Government Salt Works at Khara-goda are concerned, it is not proposed to make any substantial reduction in the number of salt pans to be worked during the current manufacturing season

(c) Does not arise

National Productivity Council

*556. { Shri D. C. Sharma
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur;
Shri S. M. Banerjee.

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 113 on the 14th August, 1958 and state

(a) the progress since made with regard to the setting up of the National Productivity Council,

(b) the names of All India Federations of the employees in Public Sector whose representatives have been included in the Council,

(c) whether the teams sent abroad by the Council have returned and submitted their reports, and

(d) if so, what are their major recommendations and Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Nominations of all the various interests including Government, employers and labour, on the National Productivity Council, have been finalised, with the exception of representatives of Local Productivity Councils. Out of 60 seats on the Council, 54 have already been filled. The remaining 6 seats are reserved for representatives of Local Productivity Councils. Nominations have already been sought from four existing Local Productivity Councils and four seats out of the six will be shortly filled on receiving their nominations

(b) (i) The National Federation of Indian Railwaymen,

(ii) The National Federation of Posts and Telegraphs Employees,

(c) Only one Productivity Team has so far been sent abroad. It returned in middle of November, 1958. Its report is expected during the month of December

(d) Does not arise

Employees in Textile Mills

1586. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the estimated number of employees in Textile Mills in India as on the 30th November, 1958

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): About ten lakhs including Cotton Textiles, Art Silk Weaving and Woollen industry

Export of Cement

1587. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the total output of cement during 1957-58 and 1958-59 (upto the 30th November, 1958), State-wise, and

(b) the Foreign Exchange earned by the export of cement during the above period, Country-wise?