

Heavy Machine Tool Works

*620. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 986 on the 26th February, 1959 and state the progress made so far in setting up a Heavy Machine Tool Works?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The matter is under active consideration of the Government and steps are being taken to implement this project in the Third Five Year Plan

Permits for Resale of Motor Cars

*621 { Shri Shree Narayan Das
Shri Radha Raman

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) the number of applicants received by the Controller of Motor Cars for securing written permits for resale of such cars as have been prohibited to be sold under the Motor Cars Distribution and Sale Control Order and

(b) the number of such permits issued so far since the Order has been enforced?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah) (a) and (b) No permit for the resale of motor cars has been granted by the Controller of Motor Cars so far. I may, however add that under clause 2 of the Motor Cars (Distribution and Sale) Control Order 1959, officers appointed by the State Governments for the purpose have also authority to issue permits for the resale of motor cars. Government of India have no information about the number of applications received and permits issued by these officers.

Export of Iron Ore

*622 Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1507 on the 26th March 1959 and state

(a) the amount of orders placed on different sectors serving Calcutta Port for the export of iron ore during 1958-59, and

(b) the amount of iron ore which now lies in the Calcutta port and awaits export?

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

(a) 10,27,000 tons

(b) About 15,657 tons as on 14th July, 1959

Development of Small Airfields in N.E.F.A.

*623. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that small airfields are being developed in the undeveloped area of the North East Frontier Agency and

(b) if so what is the progress of the work?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika) (a) Yes

(b) Eleven airstrips have been constructed and six are under construction.

Manufacture of Knitting Needles

*624 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether any arrangements have been made for the production of knitting needles in the country to meet the requirements of the Hosiery Industry, and