

STATEMENT

Originally a provision of Rs. 1.0 crore was made in the 2nd Five Year Plan for development of Coir Industry—Rs. 0.7 crore for schemes to be implemented by the State Governments and Rs. 0.3 crore for Central schemes to be implemented by the Coir Board. The Kerala Government represented for increased allotment for coir industry for the reason that Coir was the most important Cottage industry of the State. The overall provision was therefore increased to Rs. 2.3 crores—Rs. 2 crores for States' schemes and Rs. 0.3 crore for Central schemes. However, consequent on the reappraisal of the overall resources, the Five Year provision for Coir Industry was reduced to Rs. 1.76 crores—Rs. 1.48 crores for States' schemes and Rs. 0.28 crore for Central schemes. State-wise allocation of the revised provision of Rs. 1.48 crores have not been made as the State Governments' requirements are now considered on Annual basis.

(c) No representation has been received from the Govt. of Kerala regarding the allocations.

Export of 'Animal Casings'

*631. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a total stoppage in the export of 'animal casings' in recent years; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Hindustan Machine Tools, Ltd.

*632. { Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Punnoose:
Shri L. Achaw Singh:
Shri Ram Garib:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri Bhanja Deo:

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

(a) the nature of agreement recently entered into between Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., and an Italian firm in respect of manufacture of cylindrical grinding machines in Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.;

(b) what would be the price of grinding machine produced by the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., as compared to the landed cost of imported equivalents; and

(c) when is its manufacture to commence?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) A statement giving a summary of the more important features of the agreement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 78.]

(b) The selling prices of Grinding Machines produced in the Hindustan Machine Tools is expected to be below the landed cost of imported equivalents based on preliminary data of production.

(c) The first batch of these machines is expected to be produced by the end of March 1960.

Data regarding Small Scale Industries

*633. { Shri M. B. Thakore:
Shri Oza:
Shri K. U. Parmar:

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to obtain detailed co-ordinated statistical data about the Small Scale Industries, which is at present not available; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement is given below.