

and medical instruments and apparatus for the year 1959-60 was Rs. 3.67 crores.

#### Foreign Goods in Indian Markets

\*483. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi markets are full of foreign-made consumer goods of various kinds of luxury and non-essential nature; and

(b) the Government's assessment in the matter?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Small quantities of foreign-made consumer goods are reported to be available principally in some sections of the Bombay, Calcutta and New Delhi markets. For some of these items, small import quotas exist. Some items are also brought in under the Sports Goods Export Promotion and Tourist Promotion Licensing Schemes. The possibility of few items leaking into the market as a result of illegitimate activities also exists, in spite of constant vigilance by authorities concerned.

#### Indian Businessmen Supplying Articles to Chinese

\*484. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news appearing in "The Current" dated the 5th October, 1960, in regard to some Marwari businessmen supplying food and articles of daily use to the Chinese army of occupation in Tibet;

(b) if so, the full facts of the matter; and

(c) action taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

**The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi N. Menon):** (a) to (c). Government have seen the report but they have no reason to suspect any large scale smuggling.

#### Hospital at Madras

\*485. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 590, on the 1st March, 1960 and state:

(a) the progress made up-to-date in the construction of a 100-bed hospital at Madras by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation;

(b) the total amount spent so far; and

(c) when is it likely to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra):** (a) The main hospital building has reached the lintel level for the major portion of the building.

(b) Rs. 4.75 lakhs.

(c) By August 1961.

#### Assam Rifles

\*486. { **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:**  
**Shrimati Renu**  
**Chakravartty:**  
**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Headquarter of the Assam Rifles is being shifted to Silchar and the site for a cantonment has been selected;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to public representations that in the conditions now prevailing in Silchar the proposed cantonment should be set up at a distance from the municipal limits of the town; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri J. N. Hazarika):** (a) The Headquarters of the Assam Rifles is not being shifted to Silchar. A Range Headquarters with jurisdiction over a part of that Force has, however, been