

Manufacture of Cars

***632. Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ceiling has been fixed for different producing units of automobile cars manufactured in India; and

(b) the total production of "Fiat" and Hindustan "Landmaster" during the years 1956 and 1957 so far?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 4,085 Fiat "1100" and 4,825 Hindustan "Landmaster" cars were produced in 1956; and 2,282 and 2,047 during January to June, 1957, respectively.

Sandal-wood oil

***633. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why there is a fluctuation in the export trade of Sandal-wood oil;

(b) what are the peculiar difficulties experienced by the exporters in receiving "Agmark" certificates from Government for its export; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take to put down the "Spike" disease, which impairs the quality of the oil?

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

(a) Fluctuations in prices and demand have probably been caused by recurring threat from synthetic products and availability of cheaper and inferior substitutes. *Inter se* competition amongst exporters has tended to exaggerate the effect of a fall in demand on the prices.

(b) Initially, exporters experienced some delay, which is being eliminated.

(c) This is being examined.

Small Scale Production Centres

***634. Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 258 on the 23rd July, 1957 and state:

(a) the location of the proposed Small Scale Production Centre in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the particulars of industries to be undertaken?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) It has been tentatively decided to locate the proposed Production Centre for Andhra Pradesh in the Industrial Estate at Hyderabad.

(b) A scheme for the manufacture of hand-tools such as those required for carpentry, blacksmithy and other engineering trades, in the above Production Centre, is under preparation.

Small Industries Service Institute

***635. Shri Warrior:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) when the Small Industries Service Institute was set up at Trivandrum;

(b) what are the functions of the Institute;

(c) what are the schemes prepared so far in consultation with the Institute since it was set up; and

(d) how many of them have been implemented?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 4th July, 1956.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 70.]

(c) and (d). Schemes are prepared by the organisation of the Development Commissioner for Small Scale