

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : What is the value of production of the ordnance factories for civil consumption during the last six months of 1955 and the corresponding period in 1954 ?

Shri Tyagi : Production for civil trade in the ordnance factories has ranged from Rs. 21.15 lakhs in the month of April, Rs. 30.47 lakhs in May, Rs. 36.86 lakhs in July—the average being Rs. 28.32 lakhs per month from April to December 1954. In the month of January it went up to Rs. 34.46 lakhs; in February, Rs. 41.28 lakhs, in March and April—they are lean months—production has slackened the value being Rs. 36.95 lakhs in March and Rs. 28.59 lakhs in April.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : For how many working hours are these factories engaged in manufacturing goods for civilian consumption ?

Shri Tyagi : They are not completely engaged but wherever some spare capacity is available and it can be diverted towards production of civilian goods it is always taken into account and civilian goods are produced.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : What was the total hour in 1954 ?

Shri Tyagi : In the year 1954 also some goods were produced. I have quoted just now the figures.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : I want the working hour during which they were engaged in manufacturing goods for civilian supply.

Shri Tyagi : The normal working hours are there. But the whole factory is not to produce civilian goods. The part of the factory, the machines of which can be spared, is diverted towards production of civilian goods during the same period as the factory working hours.

Mr. Speaker : He does not want the working hours from day to day. He wants the total number of working hours during which the factory was engaged in manufacturing such goods.

Shri Tyagi : No such figures are maintained, Sir.

Shri U. C. Patnaik : May I know if this income is based upon calculations of pricing which are highly exaggerated ? For instance, we were discussing here last year about the cost of ammunition being three times the cost of imported ammunition

Shri Tyagi : In the case of civilian goods we are generally, required to tender. Therefore, it cannot be based on that cost and it is generally approximate to the market price of the articles manufactured.

Nawab of Bhopal

*437. **Shri Esvara Reddy :** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether the Nawab of Bhopal has disclosed his foreign assets to Governments ?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : His Highness the Nawab of Bhopal has made declaration of his foreign assets.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उन का डिक्लैरेशन क्या है ?

Mr. Speaker : He has made declaration of his foreign assets.

Shri Esvara Reddy : May I now what is the amount of the assets ?

Shri Datar : It would not be in the public interest to disclose that amount.

Shri Nanadas : May I know whether the Government has got any control to see that these foreign assets are not wasted ?

Shri Datar : I believe the Government has sufficient control over all foreign assets.

Indian Navy

*440. **Shri Raghunath Singh :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the steps that the Government propose to take for the expansion of the Indian Navy ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : Government always has in mind the re-equipping of each arm in the context of the defence of our country. In regard to the Indian Navy, steps have been taken to—

1. acquire modern ships and to replace existing ships by new and better ones ;
2. provide better dockyard facilities for the growing Fleet ; and
3. improve training facilities for Naval personnel in India.

Shri Raghunath Singh : Is it a fact that the proportion of the Indian Navy is only 0.5 of the world Navy ?

Sardar Majithia : Probably, the hon. Member knows more about it.

Shri Raghunath Singh : Then, what is your figure ?