

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the printing industry is facing great difficulty;

(b) if so, whether it is due to the decision not to entertain applications for the supply of machinery under hire purchase scheme by National Small Industries Corporation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the printers are not getting the same import facilities as are given to newspaper establishments; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to remove the difficulty of the printing industry?

**The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b). Government have received certain representations against their decision not to allow the National Small Industries Corporation to accept applications for supply of printing machinery on hire purchase. Government, however, do not consider that the printing industry is facing any great difficulties because of this decision.

(c) Quality printers and newspaper establishments are allowed the same facilities for direct import as 'Actual Users'. To meet the requirements of printers who are not considered to be quality printers, the established importers are allowed a quota.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Spinning Mill at Raichur

**2137. Shri Chandriki:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mysore State has made any recommendation for grant of a licence for starting a spinning mill at Raichur; and

(b) if so, whether the required sanction has been given?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and In-**

**dustry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) The Mysore Government have recommended for grant of a licence for setting up a co-operative spinning mill at Raichur.

(b) No, Sir. Certain clarifications have been sought for from the Mysore Government.

#### Forward Trading

**2138. Shri Yajalk:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forward trading in foodgrains, oils and other edible commodities results in speculative rise in prices; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to stop such forward trading in the country?

**The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) No, Sir. There is also a ban on forward trading in foodgrains and many other edible commodities.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Shortage of Water Supply in Delhi

**2139. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pumping stations in Delhi installed in 1939 have broken down or are otherwise inadequate with the result that there is acute shortage of water supply for public and private gardens in Delhi and New Delhi; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to provide sufficient water to these gardens so that flora of the city is not destroyed thus damaging the beauty of the Capital?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) and (b). The pumping stations in Delhi have not broken