

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) In their report on the Fair Prices of Rubber Tyres and Tubes 1955, the Tariff Commission recommended that special assistance should be offered to Indian enterprises wishing to manufacture rubber tyres and tubes. The Tariff Commission has not made any recommendations about tyres and tubes industry, thereafter.

(b) As a result of consideration of representations made by some tyre companies, the tyre companies who commenced or commence manufacture of tyres for motor vehicles for the first time on or after 1st April, 1962 have been exempted from so much of the excise duty as is in excess of 35 per cent ad valorem, not exceeding one crore of rupees in value in a year.

Export of Tobacco

107. { Shri M. Malaichami:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to initiate a comprehensive scheme for the export of tobacco; and

(b) if so, the countries to which tobacco will be exported and the agency contemplated to take up the export?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). With the steps already being taken under our export promotion drive, tobacco exports from India have been showing an upward trend, as is evident from the following export figures:—

Year	Value (in lakhs of Rs.)
1961-62	14.03
1962-63	17.09
1963-64	21.01

The principal markets for tobacco are the United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., Aden, Singapore, Belgium and Netherlands.

It is the constant endeavour of the Government to explore all possible ways of further increasing the export of this commodity.

Single Spindle Automatic Lathes

108. **Shri D. J. Naik:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Machine Tool factory has entered into an agreement with Messrs. Manurhin of France for the manufacture of single spindle automatic lathes; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Messrs. Hindustan Machine Tools Limited has entered into a technical collaboration agreement with Messrs. Manurhin of France for the manufacture of single spindle automatic lathes for bar capacity 16 mm. to 65 mm. in 7 different models. A lump-sum licence fee of Rs. 8 lakhs is payable to the French firm over the years 1964 to 1966. The agreement provides for the deputation of 2 French technicians for a period of 9 months each to Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. to help the company in the implementation of the manufacture of these lathes. In accordance with the term of the agreement, 4 HMT technicians will be trained at the works of the French firm during the years 1964 to 1966 for periods ranging from 9 to 12 months. The company has planned to begin the assembly of these machines during 1965-66 and will reach full rated production of about 200 machines per year in 1969-70.

Sulphur Deposits in Madras State

109. { Shri Dharmalingam:
Shri Muthu Gounder:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been