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(c) The agreements are for a period of three years each. The commission payable to the Agents is 7-1/2 per cent of the sale price of basic machine and special accessories; 10 per cent for tooling and 20 per cent for spare parts

(d) and (e). As a part of their diversification programme, Hindustan Machine Tools Limited plan to manufacture, for the first time and with foreign collaboration, new and sophisticated machine tools such as "FAY" Automatic Lathes and Horizontal Boring Machines. At present, the Company do not have the necessary Organisation for rendering effective after-sales service for these machines and it is estimated that it would take them at least three years to build up an efficient Organisation for this purpose. They have, therefore, considered it necessary that the parties who have hitherto been representing in India, the foreign collaborators and have been attending to the after-sales service of the imported machines, should be appointed as the Company's sole selling agents for three years

#### National Instruments Ltd.

4858. Shri Ganesh Ghosh: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that clinical thermometers produced in the National Instruments Ltd., Jadavpur, Calcutta can successfully compete both in quality and in price with all the other best thermometers available in India.

(b) the average monthly production rate there;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to stop its production; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) The clinical thermometer produced by National Instruments Ltd., Calcutta can successfully compete with other best thermometers in point of

quality though it is somewhat costlier than some of them.

(b) 12000 to 15000 Nos.

(c) and (d). The management of the National Instruments Ltd. have decided to close the clinical thermometry section as it was incurring losses due to the cost of production being higher

#### National Instruments, Ltd.

4859. Shri Ganesh Ghosh: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that instruments such as level dumpy, pressure gauge, produced in the National Instruments, Ltd are much in demand in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that orders have been issued to completely stop the production of such instruments, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). Owing to the general slump in the engineering industries, particularly in the instrument manufacturing line, sales of level dumpy, pressure gauges etc. produced by the National Instruments Ltd. dwindled and stocks accumulated. The Company have, therefore, stopped production of dumpy levels, Engineers levels and Prismatic Compasses for the present.

#### Grade Posts (Ministerial)

4860. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel of 25 men was finalised in 1964 for selection of Grade Posts (Ministerial) on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of candidates called for such a selection: