

(c) Closing stock\* as on 31.3. 970

\*Provisional.

<i>Nos.</i>	<i>Value</i>
5054	about Rs. 5 lakhs

(d) and (e) . The Agreement between HMT and Messrs Citizen Watch Co. of Japan for manufacture of automatic watches with day-date mechanism, is in the nature of a commercial contract and it is not considered appropriate to divulge the terms thereof. The Agreement is at present under examination of the Government and will become operative after it has been approved by Government.

#### Manufacture of plate and figured glass

7723. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names and addresses of factories manufacturing plate and figured glass with names of their collaborators ;

<i>Name of the Unit</i>	<i>Name of the collaborator</i>
1. Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works Ltd., Asansol.	Pilkington Bros., St. Helens, U. K.
2. Window Glass Limited, Calcutta.	Cekop Central Handhu Zagnie, Zarego, W. Warsevia, Waraszawas, Poland.
3. Shree Vallabh Glass Works, Anand.	No collaboration
4. Navin Glass works, Boroda	Missisipi Glass Co., SK. Levie, Missouri, U. S. A.

(b) The estimated value of total annual requirements of all types of glass and Glassware is approximately Rs. 200 million and the value of glass (Wired and figured) manufactured by the above units is Rs. 12 million approximately.

(b) the value of total annual requirements of the country in all types of glass and the value of glass manufactured by the above units annually ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing units have reduced production in 1969 and that M/s. Navin Glass works of Bombay have stopped production completely ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the units find it difficult to keep up production because of various obstacles placed in their way in getting imported components ; and

(f) if so, the practical steps taken to help this industry ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKH-RUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) 'Plate glass' is ground and polished flat glass for which no capacity has been established in the country. However, the units borne on the books of D. G. T D., manufacturing wired and figured glass and their collaborators are :-

(c) and (d) . Compared to 1968 the production during 1969 was less. M/s. Navin Glass Works of Bombay are out of production since March, 1968. This was due to insufficient indigenous demand and accumulation of stocks.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise in so far as imported components are concerned. The units are diversifying their production for other items like Cathedral Glass, heat-absorbing glass etc. to utilise their installed capacity.

#### Manufacture of cap lamps

7724. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and value of cap lamps required annually by the coal and other miners ;

(b) whether it is a fact that only M/s. Oldham and Son (India) Ltd. manufacture these lamps on a large scale and enjoy a monopoly in this ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to this monopoly they make undue and fantastic profits on the lamps ; and

(d) the reasons why the prices are not controlled and competitive manufacturers encouraged ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### Issue of Railway Complimentary Passes to non-Railway persons

7725. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway complimentary passes issued to non-Railway persons under the discretionary power of the Railway Minister during the year 1969-70 and the number of passes current on the 31st March, 1970 ;

(b) the jurisdiction (i. e. whether valid for all Railways or for different Zonal

Railways) and the respective period of validity ; and

(c) the criteria followed of the issue of the above passes ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) 54, of which 47 were current on 31.3.1970.

(b) 49 All Railways Passes—44 for 12 months and 5 for 6 months.

3 Zonal Railway Passes for 12 months.

2 Cheque passes valid for 2 months.

(c) On a very limited scale, complimentary passes are issued to all India organisations or individuals of high repute to facilitate work considered to be of national importance, where such Government assistance is considered deserving for work humanitarian in nature or of social cultural importance and where activities of the voluntary organisation/individual cover a field wider than Governmental activities in this direction.

#### Gazetted and Senior posts in Railway Board

7726. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Gazetted and senior posts that have remained unfilled for one month, three months and six months and over, in the Railway Board as on the 31st March, 1970 ;

(b) the number of such posts which are filled by temporary officiating arrangements ; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in filling up these posts ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) (i) For one month to three months—Three.

(ii) Above three months but not exceeding six months—Nil.

(iii) Above six months—One.