

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Keekar): (a) and (b). 7,450 schools throughout India take advantage of the school broadcasts, but no statistical estimate has been made of the students who listen to the programmes.

Swimming Pool Reactor

641. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of Swimming Pool Reactor with the Canadian Aid; and

(b) the amount of money to be spent?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) India's first reactor of the so-called 'Swimming Pool' type which started functioning in August 1956 was designed and built by the personnel of the Indian Atomic Energy Establishment. No aid for it was received from Canada.

(b) Approx. Rs. 26 lakhs excluding the cost of fuel elements which have been obtained on hire from U.K.

Bicycles

*642. { **Shri D.C. Sharma:**
Shri R.P. Garg:

Will the **Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units engaged in the production of bicycles in the country;

(b) the places where they are situated;

(c) whether these units are sufficient to meet the requirements of the country; and

(d) if so, whether any restrictions have been imposed on the import of bicycles from foreign countries in order to protect the home industry?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) 63.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 113].

(c) and (d) Not yet, Sir. Nevertheless, the bicycle industry is protected. Imports are allowed on a restricted basis. They are also subject to protective duties.

Trade with Russia

643. **Shri D.C. Sharma:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) the value and the tonnage of the commercial goods exported to and imported

from U.S.S.R. during the year 1955-56; and

(b) the steps taken to increase it?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) Exports: Rs. 326 lakhs; Imports: Rs. 621 lakhs.

(b) (1) A Trade Agreement was concluded on the 2nd December, 1953.

(2) In accordance with the Joint Memorandum issued on the 13th December, 1955 on the occasion of the visit of Marshal Bulganin to India, the U.S.S.R. has agreed to increase its purchases from India with a view to balance the trade between the two countries. The State Trading Corporation of India and the U.S.S.R. Trade Representation in Delhi are working in close co-operation in order to realise these possibilities.

Development of Wool Industry

644. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Consumer Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps to be taken and the money to be allotted for improving the Wool Industry during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether any survey has been made about the present conditions of the Industry?

The Minister of Consumer Industries (Shri Kanungo): (a) A development Council has been set up for the development and improvement of Woollen Industry. No monetary allocation has, however, been made for this purpose during the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) No, Sir.

मोती नगर में अस्पताल

६४५. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर :** क्या पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मोती नगर में जिस अस्पताल के लिये पिछले दिनों स्थान खाली कराया गया था, क्या वह बन कर तैयार हो गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर कितना धन खर्च किया गया ?

पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री मेहर चन्द खन्ना):

(क) और (ख) मोती नगर में अस्पताल के लिये पिछले दिनों कोई जमीन खाली नहीं कराई गई थी, वहाँ सन् १९५४ में ६०,६३५ रुपये की लागत