

that there are about 96 such centres of importance.

(b) Varanasi, Surat and Bangalore.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). The Government of India have, at present, no proposal for starting such Centres.

Export of Tiles

1445. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether tiles are being exported abroad from India;

(b) if so, the quantity of tiles exported in 1956-57;

(c) whether any export duty is imposed on it; and

(d) if so, the amount realised thereon during the same period?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 26,128,319* Nos.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Machinery

1446. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of Machinery Manufacturing Industry in India with details regarding production;

(b) the number of workers employed therein;

(c) the quantity of each item produced;

(d) the extent of Public Sector in the Industry;

(e) the profit earned in one year; and

(f) the quantity imposed in each of the main items etc.?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (f). Machinery Manufacturing is not a single industry. There are various types of machinery required for different industries. Even within the same industry, different types of machinery will be required for different processes and different stages of each process. A very large number of units in the country are manufacturing machinery items. It is, therefore, not possible to furnish information asked for by the Honourable Member. If, however, a specific question is to be asked in respect of any particular item or items of machinery, I shall endeavour to furnish an answer.

Cement

1447. { **Shri Hem Raj:**
Shri Padam Dev:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirements of cement in the country at present;

(b) the annual production of cement during the years 1955 to 1957 so far (year-wise); and

(c) the annual imports of cement during the same period, year-wise?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 116.]

Cryolite

1448. **Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how much cryolite is imported annually and from which countries;

(b) the attempts, if any, made in India towards the manufacture of synthetic cryolite;

(c) whether any research work has been done on this subject;

(d) if so, where and when; and

*Includes a small quantity of bricks.