

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.

(e) the present position regarding the research work?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Import figures for

Country	Quantity (in tons)	Value in Rupees (thousands)
Denmark	324	414
U.S.A.	11	29
Total	335	443

(b) to (d). Experiments are being conducted for the manufacture of synthetic cryolite since 1955 at the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona

(e) Research work is still in progress

#### Pakistanis' Visit to India and Vice versa

1449 Shri Pangarkar: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) the total number of Pakistani nationals who came to the five districts of Marathwada region of Bombay during 1956-57 to see their relations on passport facilities provided to them by Indian High Commission in Karachi and

(b) the total number of Indian nationals from the above region who visited Pakistan during 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha when available.

#### Small Scale Production Centres

1450. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where the fifteen Small Scale Production Centres proposed are to be established in 1957-58, and

(b) when these Production Centres are likely to start production?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A

cryolite have been classified separately from January 1957 only. Imports during January-June, 1957, were as follows:—

statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 117]

#### Trade with Egypt

1451 Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any increase in the trade between India and Egypt with the opening of Special Rupee Account, and

(b) if so, in what manner and to what extent?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 118]

#### Rehabilitation Department of Tripura

1452 Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the total staff of the Construction Division created under the Relief and Rehabilitation Department, Tripura; and

(b) the total amount of money spent for payment of salaries and allowances of this staff since its creation?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) The total number of staff in the Engineering Division of the Rehabilitation Department of the Tripura Administration is 50.