

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) At the end of January, 1958, the unsold stocks of handloom cloth with 182 cooperative societies amounted to 1.33 lakhs yards valued at Rs. 1.40 lakhs. The sales depots of the Apex Society had 3,61,415 yards of unsold stock valued at Rs. 4,28,678. Information relating to the sector outside the cooperative fold is not available.

(b) No accumulation of stocks in the State has been reported and no special steps are being taken to clear off stocks.

Handloom Industry

3192. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of yarn consumed by the handloom industry in 1958 (State-wise); and

(b) the estimated value of products of the handloom industry in India during the above period, (State-wise)?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) The total yarn consumed by the handloom industry in 1958 is estimated at 10,04,835 bales, valued at Rs. 91.42 crores. State-wise information is not available.

(b) Rs. 159.9 crores (estimated). State-wise information is not available.

Fountain Pens

3193. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Fountain-pens manufactured in India during the year 1958;

(b) the names of the manufacturing companies; and

(c) the quantity and types of Fountain-pens produced by them during 1958, (company-wise)?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table.

Statement

(a) About 10.7 million fountain pens were manufactured in the organised sector in 1958. Precise information in regard to units in the small scale sector is not available.

(b) and (c). The names of firms manufacturing fountain pens in the Large and Small Scale Sector are given in a statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 117]. Information regarding the types of fountain pens produced by the large scale units has been given in the statement laid on the Table. Information in respect of small scale units is not available. Company-wise production figures of different industrial units are not generally divulged. If however the Hon'ble member is interested to have the information regarding any particular unit, Government will be pleased to furnish the same

Industrial Panels

3194. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the names of Industries for which Industrial panels will be set up during 1959-60 and the remaining period of Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Panels are set up as and when required, to make a study of certain specific problems in an industry or industries. It is therefore not possible at present to indicate the names of industries for which such panels are likely to be constituted during 1959-60 and during the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan.