

Division of C.P.W.D.

3559. { Shri Easwara Iyer:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff in the caretaking establishment in the D Division of the Central Public Works Department who have completed more than three years of service;

(b) whether all of them have been made quasi-permanent; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) 46.

(b) No, only 17 eligible persons have been declared Quasi-permanent

(c) For being declared Quasi-permanent the person concerned should in addition to 3 years service possess the prescribed educational qualification, be within prescribed age limits at the time of recruitment and be medically fit. Only 17 persons fulfil all these conditions

Import Licences for Plants and Machinery

3560. **Shri Khimji:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the particulars of the licences for plants and machinery issued under the credits obtained from (i) Export-Import Bank and (ii) Development Loan Fund?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A statement is laid on the Table [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 54.]

Hindustan Machine Tools (P) Ltd.

3561 { Shri Tangamani:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

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

(a) when the production of lathes in Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Bangalore will commence as per agreement with the French firm;

(b) what will be the approximate cost price of a lathe to be manufactured as per agreement; and

(c) how will it compare with the lathes produced at present in collaboration with the Swiss Firm?

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

(a) The production of lathes of the Batignolles types is expected to commence from June, 1959.

(b) The smallest size lathe manufactured under the agreement is priced Rs. 13,250.

(c) The price of the smallest size lathe of the Batignolles Type will be Rs. 13,250 as compared with Rs. 29,500 the price of the smallest size of lathe of the Oerlikon type now being manufactured at Hindustan Machine Tools.

Effect of Import Restrictions on Industries in Punjab

3562. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to restrictions on raw materials and imported components required for light engineering industries viz., copper utensils, bicycles, and sewing machines the development of these industries has been adversely affected in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the nature of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to liberalise the allocation of these controlled items?

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

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 55.]