

Industry be pleased to state the nature of measures adopted to achieve self-sufficiency in chemicals required for the production of medicines?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Till a few years ago, the pharmaceutical manufacturers in the country were producing mainly formulations by importing drugs and chemicals in bulk. However Government are, since the beginning of Second Five Year Plan, attaching the greatest importance to the manufacture of drugs from basic stages. The development of the industry is regulated under provision of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 in such a way that the manufacture of basic drugs is undertaken progressively or that the scheme is based on raw materials available in the country or intermediates likely to be produced in the Central Drug and Intermediates Plant to be set up in the Public sector.

It is expected that the country will reach a stage of near self sufficiency in most of the drugs and chemicals in the Third Five Year Plan period.

Automobile Production Centres

2530. Shri Rameshwar Tantia. Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the important centres for the manufacture of ancillary and components to feed the indigenous automobile production centres?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The important centres for the manufacture of automobile ancillaries and components are Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Bangalore, Poona, Delhi, Patiala and several other places.

Import of Photo Goods

2531 Shri Dinesh Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total value of the import of photo goods in the years 1956-57 and 1958-59?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): A statement showing total value of imports of photographic goods during 1956-57 (April-December, 1956) on the basis of old trade classification, 1956-57 (January-March, 1957) and 1958-59 (April-December, 1958) on the basis of revised trade classification is laid on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix V, annexure No 69]. Information beyond December 1958 is not yet available.

Indians in African Countries

2532 { Shri D C Sharma:
Shri Raghunath Singh.

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians residing in African countries, country-wise,

(b) whether the Indians now residing in African countries are subjected to colour prejudices, and

(c) whether Indians there maintain the standard of living expected of them in those countries?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) There are no Indian nationals in South Africa. There are however about 4,31,000 people of Indian descent but they are not Indian nationals.

In other African territories the total number of persons of Indian origin, including Indian nationals, is as follows:

Ethiopia	2,00
Ghana	475
Nigeria	390
Sierra Leone	100
Gambia	5
Liberia	40
Kenya	1,65,000
Tanganyika	80,900
Uganda	58,700
Zanzibar	15,900
Portuguese East Africa	6,000

Belgian Congo & Ruanda Urundi	2,000
Federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland	22,000
Egyptian region of UAR	146
Libya	27
Morocco	630
Tunisia	20
Algeria	23

The above figures are approximate.

(b) There are colour prejudices and discrimination in some countries. The policy of segregation practised in the Union of South Africa is well known. In the Central African Federation also is much discrimination. To some extent there is also discrimination in some other countries.

(c) The standard of living varies considerably. But it may be said that generally Indians maintain the standard expected of them in those countries.

Village Housing Projects in Orissa

2533. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state

(a) the names of the villages of Orissa included under the Village Housing Project Scheme so far,

(b) the number of villages that have been taken up for development during 1958-59, and

(c) how much of the allotted amount has been spent during 1958-59?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A statement showing the names of villages (and the Districts and Blocks

in which they are situated) selected by the Orissa Government for setting up of housing projects under the Village Housing Projects Scheme during 1958-59 is attached [See Appendix V, annexure No 70]

(b) All the 60 villages mentioned in the list have been taken up for development during 1958-59

(c) The State Government have drawn and expect to disburse their entire loan allocation of Rs 2,65,000 during the current financial year

Import of Nylon

2534 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta. Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to lay a statement showing

(a) the names of the countries from which nylon is imported into India,

(b) the annual value thereof, and

(c) the nature of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to manufacture nylon in India?

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

(a) Nylon is imported mainly from the U.K., Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan and the USA

(b) Information is not available, because the figures for nylon are not recorded separately in the Sea Borne Trade Account

(c) The following units have been licensed for the manufacture of nylon

Name of Unit	Capacity	State
J. K. Investment Trust, Kanpur	0.48 m lbs p a	Rajasthan
Nanubhai Industries, Bombay	1.6 " "	Bombay

Works-cum-Production Committees

2535 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state

(a) the number of undertakings in central sphere where works-cum-pro-

duction committees have been formed upto March, 1959, and

(b) the main functions thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 14, upto December 1958. The number of undertak-