

reply given to Starred Question No. 1 on the 10th February, 1959 and state:

(a) whether any formal offer regarding scholarship to Indian nationals for training in Switzerland and for technical and financial assistance in setting up a Watch Training Institute in India with Swiss Collaboration has since been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in the matter?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Automatic Looms

15. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Goray:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question 1364 on the 19th March, 1959 and lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of automatic looms allocated so far under different schemes (State-wise);

(b) whether any decision has since been taken regarding the specific number or types of automatic looms to be imported; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to manufacture automatic looms in India?

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

(a) Allocation is not made state-wise. 6665 automatic looms have so far been allotted to 84 mills.

Allotments, under the scheme for installation of 3000 automatic looms for export purposes only, will be considered in due course on receipt of applications.

(b) No decision has yet been taken with regard to import or the types of automatic looms to be imported.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Manufacture of Watches

16. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri Damani:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Nardeo Snatak:
Shri Hem Raj:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri N. R. Munisamy:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Pahadia:
Shri Assar:
Shri Achar:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1644 on the 3rd April, 1959 and state:

(a) whether negotiations with the foreign collaborators of the Indian parties for the manufacture of watches in India have been finalised;

(b) if so, the result of the negotiations held; and

(c) the progress made so far in setting up watch manufacturing factories in India?

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

(a) to (c). One scheme of M/s. Phoenix Watch Co., Bombay for the manufacture of watches in collaboration with a firm in France has been finalised and approved in June, 1959. Other schemes for the manufacture of watches are under consideration.

Manufacture of Lathes by Hindustan Machine Tools

17. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1663, on the 3rd April, 1959 and state the progress made so far in the manufacture of lathes at the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Bangalore with the collaboration of a French firm?