

foreign exchange. In the circumstances, while the market for Indian tea in Japan is limited, the Tea Board has, however, been successful in inducing one of the largest importers to retail a special pack containing pure Indian tea under a special brand.

Hire Purchase System

1053. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many machines out of the 2,900 supplied by National Small Industries Corporation to small industrialists on hire purchase system are supplied to Andhra Pradesh and to how many industrialists there; and

(b) how many out of the 2,000 applications for the 10,000 machines to be supplied by the Corporation are from Andhra Pradesh?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 131 machines have been supplied to 41 industrialists in the Andhra Pradesh out of the total of 2,899 machines supplied by the National Small Industries Corporation upto the 31st August, 1959.

(b) Out of 2,359 applications covering 9,675 machines accepted as on the 31st August, 1959, 100 applications covering 418 machines pertained to Andhra Pradesh.

Import Licences for Radio Parts

1054. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import licences have been granted to all new and old manufacturers of radio sets during 1958 and 1959 so far;

(b) if so, whether the price of the radio sets, manufactured out of the imported material, has been fixed; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is observed from the price returns received from the leading manufacturers of radio receivers from time to time that the selling prices of the various brands produced and marketed by them have remained almost the same over the past few years except for some minor changes on account of the change of models. The question of fixing the price has not, therefore, been considered.

Suspension Bridge in N.E.E.A.

1055. Shrimati Mañda Ahmed: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twelve persons were injured when a Suspension Bridge collapsed at a distance of about twenty miles from Pasighat in N.E.F.A.; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Yes.

(b) Political Officer Pasighat and party consisting of 12 persons on tour of Ramlebango area met with this accident at 11-30 hours on 2nd November, 1959, due to snapping of wire ropes of suspension bridge over Sille river approximately twenty-two miles from Pasighat on Pasighat-Ledum Road. All the injured persons were admitted to the Pasighat Hospital, and their general condition is good.

Industrial Estate at Warangal

1056. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Industrial Estate for Warangal has been started as scheduled; and

(b) if so, the nature of industries to be set up in the Estate?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The proposal to establish an Industrial Estate at Warangal was not included