

Production in Ordnance Factories

1371. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether production in Ordnance Factories, both civilian and services, has gone up in 1959; and

(b) if so, how these figures compare with those of 1958?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The value of work done during the first eight months of 1959 (January to August) is well over 25 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 1958.

Idle Army Vehicles

1372. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of army vehicles lying idle have since been repaired;

(b) if so, the number of such vehicles; and

(c) the number still to be repaired?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It will not be in public interest to disclose this information.

Ordnance Factory, Bhandara

1373. Shri D. G. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1219 on the 8th September, 1959 and state the progress made in the matter of setting up an Ordnance Factory, at Bhandara?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). Various steps are being taken towards the implementation of the project on a priority basis.

It will not be in public interest to disclose the details of the project.

Toddy Tappers Cooperatives

1374. { Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Punnose:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether the Excise Officers in Kerala have closed toddy shops run by Toddy Tappers Cooperatives for delay in payment of free tax and sales tax during August and September 1959?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. E. Pant): No.

Capital Issues

1375. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have statistics of the capital issued without Government's permission; and

(b) if so, the amount of such issues during the last three years?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amounts of the last three years are as under:

	(Rs. lakhs)
1956-57	899.27
1957-58	909.12
1958-59	856.23

Unused Silk Fabric in Ordnance Factories

1376. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that raw materials including silk fabric, etc. costing over Rs. 24 lakhs have been lying unused in the Ordnance factories for the last 7 years;