

achieve 87 per cent. indigenous content by the middle of 1961 and the latter would achieve 75 per cent. in 4 years.

The current *ex-factory* and list prices of the two makes of scooters are as shown below:—

| Name of Scooter | <i>Ex-factory</i> | List |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| | <i>i.e.</i> N.D.P. | Price |
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| Lambretta . . . | 1,580 | 1,800 |
| Vespa . . . | 1,879 | 2,079 (Provisional subject to Govt. approval) |

These are subject to Excise duty.

Recently, M/s. Enfield India Ltd., Madras also have been licensed to manufacture 6,000 "Royal Enfield" scooters per annum. They are expected to go into production by July 1961 and would achieve 83 per cent indigenous content within 3 years. The cost at which these scooters would be available is not yet known.

A number of other proposals for the manufacture of scooters and scooterettes have also been received and these will be considered shortly.

Production, Consumption and Import of Salt

1962. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate quantity of annual consumption of salt in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam;

(b) the approximate quantity of annual production of salt in each of these States;

(c) the approximate quantity of annual import of salt in each of these States;

(d) the centres from which salt is imported in these States; and

(e) the quantity of salt annually imported in these States from each of these centres?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). The information required is given in the Statement (No I) laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 72].

(d) West Bengal.—Thana Division (Bombay), Dhrangadhra and West Coast Maritime salt sources.

Bihar.—Thana Division Dhrangadhra, Maritime Salt sources on West Coast, Kharagoda, Sambhar, Didwana, Andhra Pradesh, Madras State and Calcutta.

Assam.—Thana Division West Coast salt sources, Sambhar, Andhra Pradesh, Madras State and Calcutta.

Orissa.—Thana Division, Dhrangadhra, Maritime Salt sources on West Coast (Saurashtra and Kutch), Andhra Pradesh, Madras State and Calcutta.

(e) The information required is furnished in the Statement (No. II) laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 72].

Export of Salt

1963. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity and average price (F.O.B.) of uncrushed salt which was sold to Japanese firms in 1958-59 and 1959-60 from the ports of Kutch, Saurashtra and Madras;

(b) what was the quantity and average price (F.O.B.) of uncrushed salt which was sold to Japanese firms through the State Trading Corporation from these ports; and

(c) what is the commission charged by the State Trading Corporation for its sale and who is to pay it?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a)

| | Quantity in tons | Average f.o.b. Price. (per ton) |
|---------|------------------|---|
| 1958-59 | 3,34,881 | Rs. 14 |
| 1959-60 | 3,62,931 | 13 for contracts entered into by private trade. |
| | | 20 Shillings for State Trading Corporation contracts. |

No exports are made to Japan from the Madras Port.

(b) 75,293 tons during January-March, 1960, at 20 Shillings per ton of 2,240 lbs. net delivered f.o.b. and trimmed. The price is subject to increase or reduction by (a) 1 shilling for every one per cent or *pro rata* more than 95 per cent, or less than 94 per cent, sodium chloride on wet basis; and (b) 2 shillings for every one per cent or *pro rata* more than 96 per cent or less than 91 per cent sodium chloride on wet basis.

(c) Half per cent on the f.o.b. value of goods shipped. The Commission is payable by Indian shippers.

Manufacture of Salt

1964. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacture of salt on the coast of Orissa was stopped in 1836;

(b) if so, for what reasons;

(c) whether efforts have been made by Government to manufacture salt containing 95 per cent sodium chloride on the coast of Orissa; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No definite information is available, but it appears that due to import of diverpool salt in the past, the salt industry in that region suffered a set back.

(c) Salt manufacture in Orissa is done in the private sector. All necessary facilities to manufacturers by way of free technical advice, establishment of a model salt farm at Sumadi for demonstration of scientific methods of manufacture and of an analytical laboratory of Humma for testing salt samples etc. have been provided by the Salt Department.

(d) Does not arise.

Price of Crushed and Uncrushed Salt

1965. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average price of crushed and uncrushed salt per ton at the ports of Kutch and Saurashtra, which is despatched by railway to the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam;

(b) what is the average railway freight and steamer freight per ton for salt despatched from these centres to each of these States; and

(c) what is the average price at which crushed and uncrushed salt is sold in each of these States?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):

| | Rs. | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| (a) Crushed | 35.36 per ton | |
| Uncrushed | 33.46 " | |
| (b) Railway freight | (per ton) | |
| With transhipment | Without transhipment | |
| from to M.G. to B.G. | | |
| Bihar | Rs. 52.27 | Rs. 51.99 |
| West Bengal | " 59.89 | " 60.98 |
| | o Rs. 61.25 | |
| Assam | Rs. 60.43 | . 69.69 |
| Orissa | " 61.52 | |