

far been supplied to outside institutions during the current year against 73 supplied during the last year. There are several requests from outside institutions and efforts will be made to supply as many instruments as possible to these institutions after the demands of the Trombay Establishment have been met. It has been decided to make a further capital investment of Rs. 24 lakhs, as a result of which the Electronics Division will be able to produce equipment worth about Rs. 7.5 crores during the next five years if purchased from abroad.

Employees' State Insurance Scheme

938. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1320 on the 22nd March, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken final decision in regard to enhancement of statutory rate under Employees' State Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

"Coirolite"

939. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2851 on the 28th April, 1960 and state the nature of progress made so far in completion of investigation for the industrial and commercial use of substance known as 'coirolite'?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): Steps are under way to bring out a technical bulletin on the findings of the laboratory experiments. The question of seeking the collaboration of one or two plastic manufacturers for carrying out pilot scale trials, is under consideration.

Hindustan Salt Co., Ltd.

940. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1031 on the 22nd March, 1960, and state:

(a) whether the arbitrator has given award regarding the dispute on the amount of compensation to be paid by the Hindustan Salt to the Government of Rajasthan for exploitation of the Sambhar Lake reserves; and

(b) if so, the nature of the award given?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Not yet Sir. (Incidentally, the lease agreement was between the State Government and the Central Government, and not Hindustan Salt).

(b) Does not arise.

Diamond Cut Tool Factory

941. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1005 on the 22nd March, 1960 and state the nature of progress made so far in the finalization of agreement with a Belgium firm for establishing a diamond cut tool factory in India?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): There is no change in the position relating to this proposal set out in the reply to Starred Question No. 1005 answered on the 22nd March, 1960.

Trade Centre in New York

942. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1726 on the 4th April, 1960 and state at what stage is the proposal to open a Trade Centre in New York?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The proposal is still under consideration.