

(b) and (c). The target of production fixed for the First Five Year Plan was of the order of 30 million Nos. and the actual production during 1955-56 was 24.23 million Nos. by the firm borne on the list of the Development Wing. The target of production for the Second Five Year Plan has been fixed at 50 million Nos. It is estimated that the production during the year will be 40 million Nos. Separate figures of financial allocation and the amount actually spent for this industry during the periods of the First and Second Five Year Plans are not available.

(d) Due to foreign exchange difficulties for the import of plant and machinery, some of the expansion capacities licensed are likely to materlise in 1961 and so the target of production viz. 50 million Nos. may not be fully realised during the year 1960-61.

#### Dry Batteries

**1258. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the production of dry batteries in 1950-51;

(b) the plan target for the First Five Year Plan, the achievement during the same period together with the financial allocation and the amount actually spent during the First Five Year Plan period;

(c) the target for the Second Five Year Plan period, the achievement made so far, together with the financial allocation under the Second Five Year Plan and the amount actually spent so far; and

(d) the reason for the shortfall, if any, in achieving the physical targets?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) to (c). 136.5 million cells in 1950-51 and 161.5 million cells in 1955-56. The target for 1960-61 has been fixed at 275 million cells and production during the

year is estimated to be of the order of 220 million cells. Separate figures of Financial allocation and the amount actually spent on this industry during the periods of the First and Second Five Year Plans are not available.

(d) The reason for the shortfall in achieving the targets may be attributed to the limited availability of flash-light cases, as a result of ban imposed on the import of these. Another reason was that one of the major units manufacturing dry cells was closed. Production of flash light cases has commenced recently and with the increase in production of these, it is expected that the production of flash light cells will also increase.

#### Storage Batteries

**1259. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the production of storage batteries in 1950-51;

(b) the plan target for the first Five Year Plan, the achievement during the same period together with the financial allocation and the amount actually spent during the First Five Year Plan period;

(c) the target for the Second Five Year Plan period, the achievement made so far together with the financial allocation under the Second Five Year Plan and the amount actually spent so far; and

(d) the reason for the shortfall, if any, in achieving the physical targets?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Production of storage batteries by the firms borne on the list of the Development Wing during 1950-51 was of the order of 1,94,000 nos.

(b) and (c). The target fixed for storage batteries for the First Five Year Plan was of the order of 4,00,000 Nos. and production during the year 1955-56 was of the order of 2,58,000