

Water Supply in Imphal

2682. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to page 56 of the Annual Report of the Manipur Administration for the year 1959-60 regarding the water supply scheme in Imphal and state:

(a) whether a factory is being built in Manipur for the manufacture of Hume Steel Pipes;

(b) if so, the total cost of the scheme; and

(c) whether the material and equipment for the factory have been procured?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). No Factory is being established by the Central Public Works Department or Manipur Administration for the manufacture of Hume Steel Pipes at Imphal. The Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals have placed a contract for the supply of Hume Pipes of the value of Rs. 30.13 lakhs on a Bombay firm. In view of the nature of the stores, which involves heavy transportation costs and are liable to breakage in transit, this purchase has been effected on the condition that the suppliers will undertake the manufacture of these pipes by establishing a small manufacturing unit at Imphal. The value of the contract includes the cost of establishing a manufacturing unit.

(c) It is the responsibility of the suppliers to procure necessary equipment and raw materials. It is understood from the suppliers that they have despatched all the required equipment from Calcutta to Imphal.

Silk Processing Factory in Andhra Pradesh

2683. Shri Eamji Reddy: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a silk processing factory in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). In their Annual Plan for the financial year 1961-62, the Government of Andhra Pradesh included schemes for the establishment of a silk twisting plant at Hindupur at an estimated cost of Rs. 30,000 and a filature unit in Hindupur and Palmaner areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,000. The Central Silk Board who examined these schemes, has not approved the establishment of the throwing plant in view of the very meagre production of raw silk in Andhra Pradesh at present. As regards the proposal for a filature, the Board has advised the State Government to extend the reeling capacity in Hindupur and Palmaner by the addition of another unit of 5 cottage basins instead of setting up a separate filature.

Snap Fasteners Industries

2684. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the number of requests received during 1958 to 1960 for starting the Snap Fasteners Industries State-wise, and the number of licences given for starting the same State-wise?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): A statement giving the required information is given below.

STATEMENT

Manufacture of Snap Fasteners is a non-scheduled Industry and a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 is not therefore required.

The particulars regarding the schemes received and approved in the Large Scale Sector are given below:

State	Number of schemes received	Number of schemes approved
Madras	4	4
Maharashtra	2	1
West Bengal	2	2
Punjab	1	Nil
TOTAL	9	7

In the Small Scale Sector, no permission is required to start an industry. A number of units have imported or are likely to import very soon machinery for manufacture of Snap Fasteners. The distribution State-wise of these units is as follows:

Madras	5
Delhi	4
Maharashtra	2
Punjab	2
Uttar Pradesh	1
West Bengal	1
Mysore	1
Jammu	1
TOTAL	17

Import of Newsprint

2685. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether more newsprints were imported during second half of 1960 as compared to the corresponding period in 1959;

(b) if so, the total quantity and their value;

(c) how much was produced during this period in Nepa; and

(d) whether a statement will be laid on the Table giving details of newsprint supplied to the following groups of Newspapers with the break

up of imported and indigenous newsprints;

- (1) Indian Express Group;
- (2) Times of India Group;
- (3) Hindustan Times Group;
- (4) Statesman Group; and
- (5) Hindu?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) July—December, 1959—11021.97 tons.

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(d) Information about the foreign exchange allowed to these newspapers and the allocation of Nepa Newsprint to them for the year 1960-61 has already been given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 2259 answered on 7th September, 1960.

Figures of actual imports by the individual papers and the supplies actually received by them from Nepa Mills against the Government allocations are not available.

Manufacture of Cheap Radios

2686. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small and cheap radios are being manufactured by an industrialist in Tamilnad at his factory in Coimbatore;

(b) if so, the number of sets produced each month and the priced value of each;

(c) whether any financial help has been extended by Government for this venture; and

(d) if not reasons for the same?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The U.M.S. factory, Coimbatore has been manufacturing low-priced radio receivers since June, 1958.