

(b) Month-wise figures of production are not available. The sales since June 1956 are as follow:

| Price | Quantity sold |
|---------|---------------|
| Rs. 100 | .. 1100 Nos |
| Rs. 135 | .. 987 Nos |
| Rs. 155 | .. 1350 Nos |
| Rs. 175 | .. 1780 Nos |
| Rs. 225 | .. 2700 Nos |

(c) The Government of Madras have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1 lakh to this firm in December, 1957 under the State Aid to Industries Act.

(d) Does not arise.

Leather Industry in Madras

2687. **Shri Tangaman:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed for developing leather industry in Madras State during the year 1961-62;

(b) how much sum is allotted for this purpose; and

(c) how much out of the funds for 1960-61 has been spent so far?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). An Industrial Estate for leather goods and footwear will be set up at Perambur, Madras during 1961-62. Its cost is estimated at Rs. 11,84,930. Also, the Service Training Centre for tanning and finishing of leather at Vinnamangalam, Ambur North Arcot District, will be expanded at a cost of Rs. 10,01,950.

(c) Out of the total provision of Rs. 9.12 lakhs for the various schemes implemented during the Second Five Year Plan for the development of Leather Industry in Madras State for 1960-61 a sum of Rs. 6.73 has been spent so far.

Allotment of Tyres for Trucks and Buses

2688. **Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the principles on which the allotment of tyres for trucks and buses is made; and

(b) whether it is a fact that small operators find it very difficult to get tyres for their use?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Government normally do not deal with the distribution of indigenously manufactured tyres.

(b) Due to the general shortage of tyres in the country some complaints have been received regarding non-supply of tyres of certain sizes and the following steps have been taken to make available tyres to genuine consumers at fair prices:

(1) The gap between the demand and indigenous production is being made up by imports through State Trading Corporation.

(2) Every effort is being made to increase the indigenous production by Licensing more capacity for manufacture of tyres in the country.

(3) Tyre Dealer's Association have been formed all over the country to register demand from genuine consumers of tyres and make supplies to them at regular intervals at list prices.

Salt Factory in Madras

2689. **Shri Osman Ali Khan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Salt Factory in Madras State;

(b) the capacity and cost of the Plant; and

(c) the place where it will be located?