

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). We have not received any proposal to set up a lacquering plant at Moradabad for polishing etc. of brass and copper ware.

Kiln for Handmade Pottery

2264. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a common Kiln for baking hand made pottery at high temperatures to encourage the handicraft industry; and

(b) if so, where and at what cost?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Ivory

2265. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ivory imported so far, during each of the years since the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the cottage industry; and

(c) whether any arrangements are being made to augment the supply of ivory to the industry in the forthcoming year and, if so, what?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The quantity of Ivory (Unmanufactured) imported during each of the years 1956-57 to 1960-61 (April—November) is as follows:—

Year	Quantity in '000' of lbs.	Value in '000' of Rs.
1956-57	276	4244
1957-58	258	3346
1958-59	88	1494
1959-60	177	3488
1960-61 (April—November)	133	2970

(b) It has been reported that the ivory manufacturers had been experiencing shortage of raw ivory.

(c) A special scheme for allowing import of unmanufactured ivory against export of ivory articles is being considered.

Raw Materials for Cottage Industry

2266. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state: .

(a) whether the cottage industry is suffering from shortage of raw materials;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether this shortage can possibly be met indigenously and if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). There is no shortage of raw material in respect of the Coir, Handloom and Khadi and Village Industries. In regard to handicrafts and Sericulture, some dearth of raw material has been felt. For handicrafts, the shortage is felt in respect of the materials required for Art-metalware, Ivory goods, Zari goods and carpets. The extent of the shortage is being assessed. Most of the shortage has to be met by imports. In the case of Sericulture, the shortage is estimated at 6 to 9 lakh lbs. of raw silk and 1.35 to 2 lakh lbs. of spun silk. The shortage cannot at present be met through indigenous resources.

Handicraft Goods

2267. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many emporia are at present selling out Handicraft goods in the country; and

(b) what was the income from the sale of these goods during the last five years separately?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). As far as Government is aware, about 142