

(b) what are the countries from where the above mentioned material are imported at present; and

(c) the number of applications pending with Government for issue of licences for manufacture of these articles and the causes thereof?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) All schemes approved by Government so far for the manufacture of watches; clocks cover the manufacture of all the components indigenously.

(b) Mainly from Switzerland, West Germany, U.K., France, Hongkong and Japan.

(c) Nil.

#### **Capsule Cover Manufacturing Units**

**581. Shri Kistaiya:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) how many capsule cover manufacturing units are functioning in this country, Statewise;

(b) the total financial aid given by the Centre as well as by the State Governments;

(c) the number of foreign firms working in collaboration with the leading Indian firms and their total investments;

(d) whether production of these firms will be sufficient to meet country's requirements; and

(e) the total savings of foreign exchange?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Two firms are functioning in Bombay in Maharashtra State. One firm produces two piece hard gelatine capsules and the other single piece soft gelatin capsules.

(b) Information is not available and will be collected if desired.

(c) None of the firms have at present any collaboration with foreign firms.

(d) The firm producing two piece hard gelatine capsules has been licensed for expansion in its capacity to 240 million capsules per annum. In addition two more units have been licensed for a capacity of 250 million capsules per annum. The country's requirements would be met if all these firms establish full licensed capacity. The capacity for single piece soft capsules is also adequate at present.

(e) Only two piece hard gelatine capsules are imported. The value of these imports is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 20 to Rs. 25 lakhs per annum. The savings can be roughly estimated to be Rs. 10 lakhs taking into account the imported raw materials required.

#### **Conversion of Electricity**

**582. Shri Kistaiya:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for manufacture of converters for converting electricity from A.C. to D.C. and *vice versa* for use of fans, radios and other similar mechanical equipments;

(b) if so, how many such schemes have been considered with the names of the firms and for how much amount;

(c) the number of the pending cases; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in analysing them?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) There is no scheme for the manufacture of rotary converters for converting D.C. to A.C. supply and *vice versa* for small appliances like fans, radios etc. Rectifier equipments for converting A. C. to D. C. supply are, however, being manufactured by a number of firms for such applications as battery charging, electroplating etc., Small vibrators for converting D.C. to A.C. Supply for use