

with radios, amplifiers and other similar equipments are also being manufactured at present by one firm.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No. 69].

(c) No cases are pending at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Polystyrene Plastic

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start the Polystyrene Plastic and Acrylic plastic Industries in public sector during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the countries from which these are imported with their amount for the year 1959-60; and

(c) the various beneficial uses of these plastic sheets for the benefit of the country?

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

(b) Import Statistics of Polystyrene and Acrylic Plastic are not available as these items are not separately recorded in the Indian Trade Classification. However, import licences of the value of Rs. 4,314,000 and Rs. 42,000 for 'Polystyrene Plastic' and 'Acrylic Plastic' respectively were issued during the financial year 1959-60.

(c) Polystyrene sheets made from high impact polystyrene are utilised for vacuum forming, various industrial items like refrigerator door lining, Battery cases, air conditioner grill and certain radio parts. Acrylic sheets are generally used for motor car and motor cycle sheets, aeroplane domes, translucent light fittings and advertisement media. They are also used as tail lamps in automobiles and some times in railway vehicles also.

In the form of corrugated sheets, they are utilised in roof lighting, particularly in industrial establishments.

Import of Watches

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian watches are likely to be imported in India in near future through State Trading Corporation;

(b) if so, for how much amount; and the mode of distribution in the country; and

(c) whether these watches will be sold at controlled and cheap rates in the market?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Cinema Arc Carbons

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

(a) whether cinema arc carbons are manufactured in the country to cope with the increasing demand;

(b) the names of the firms working with their total investment; and

(c) the saving of foreign exchange?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). Only one firm, the Industrial National Carbon Company Ltd., Delhi are now engaged in the manufacture of cinema arc carbons by processing of imported carbon cores with the assistance of the National Physical Laboratory. The firm have reached a production capacity of one lakh pairs cinema carbons in the month of April, 1961, as against a licensed capacity of 1.2 million nos. per annum. The issued capital of the firm is stated to be Rs. 10 lakhs. There is a saving of approximately Rs. 5 lakhs of foreign exchange.