

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Number of Undertakings/Autonomous Corporations Under the Ministry of Commerce**

3006. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Undertakings/enterprises and autonomous corporations under his Ministry along with the names and composition of each of their Board of Directors and tenure of employment of their respective Chief Executive ; and

(b) the total amount of average monthly profit or loss being earned or incurred by each of them during the last six months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Sources of Supply of Animal Tallow of Soap Manufacturers**

3007. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any soap manufacturers in India who produce soap without use of animal tallow and if so, what are their sources of raw materials used ;

(b) What are the sources of supply of animal tallow of the soap manufacturers in the country since last ten years from overseas and from within the country ;

(c) whether it is a fact that imported tallow from the Western Countries (including Australia and New Zealand) is made up of beef and pig tallow ; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that goats and sheep yield hardly any tallow compared to pigs and cattle ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) Raw materials for production of soap are oils, fats, minor oils, rice bran oil, etc. Government has been informed that there are units which manufacture laundry soap/washing soap without the use of mutton tallow/fatty acids.

(b) Government have no information.

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(d) The yield of tallow varies with goat, sheep and cattle depending upon various factors.

**Description/Category of Imported Animal Tallow**

3008. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is correct that during Janta regime raw materials and components by actual users was put on OGL for industrials purpose only—(Business Standard, 25 October 1983) ;

(b) whether it is correct that prior to Janta Government regime animal tallow was not considered or declared as an industrial material and component ;

(c) under what description/category animal tallow was being imported prior to January, 1977 and for what purpose ; and