

(b) the total consumption of yarn during the aforesaid period; and

(c) the total amount granted to Orissa for the development of handloom industries in the State during 1961-62 and 1962-63 so far?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Year	amount sanctioned
1961-1962	Rs. 14.47 lakhs (Rs. 9.07 lakhs as loan and Rs. 5.40 lakhs as grant)
1962-1963	Rs. 10.96 lakhs (Rs. 6.63 lakhs as loan and Rs. 4.33 lakhs as grant).

Trade with East European Countries

1808. { Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri S. C. Samanta;
Shri B. K. Das:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of East European countries which are importing their commodities from India on rupee payment basis; and

(b) the goods imported on this basis?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

(b) A statement indicating the goods now being exported to the East European countries from India is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-1121/63].

Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

1809. { Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. propose to set up some of its own drug farms to ensure uninterrupted supply of medicinal plants; and

(b) if so, the number of such farms and the names of places where they are to be set up?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):

(a) and (b). For feeding the Phyto Chemical unit proposed to be set up by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited, preliminary enquiries had been made from the State Governments for the uninterrupted supply of medicinal plants. The arrangements proposed are that the Rauwolfia Serpentina, Digitalis Purpurea, etc., would be grown by the State Governments of Madras, Kerala and Mysore. It was also proposed that in case if the supplies expected would not be sufficient, the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., would also consider the desirability of setting up of their own drug farms to ensure adequate supplies. As the further progress of the Phyto Chemical has been held up pending finalisation of the technological process to be adopted for production of this plant, the question of setting up of the drug farms would be further pursued as soon as a final decision about the setting up of the project itself is taken.

Production of Mopeds

1810. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No.

844 on the 23rd November, 1962 and state:

(a) the total requirement of mopeds in the country; and

(b) the total production capacity of the already commissioned units which are producing mopeds?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). The demand for mopeds alone has not been assessed. However, it is covered under the demand for scooters, three-wheelers etc., which is estimated at 60,000 numbers per annum, by 1965-66.

Only one firm is, at present, manufacturing mopeds. Its combined capacity for the manufacture of scooters, three-wheelers and mopeds is 12,000 Nos. per annum.

Overseas Purchase Organisations

1811. { Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of Economic and Defence Coordination be pleased to state the names of the countries where the overseas purchase organisations are going to be set up or have already been set up during the Third Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Economic and Defence Coordination (Shri Jaganatha Rao): No Overseas Purchase Organisation has been set up so far during the Third Plan period nor is it proposed to set up any for the present.

Cashew nut

1812. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the slump in the cashew-nut market; and

(b) the wholesale prices of cashew-nut in January, 1960, 1961 and 1962?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and In-

dustry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No slump in the Cashew industry has been reported to the Government of India.

(b) The following are the prices of Cashews in India during the week-ends in January 1960, 1961 and 1962:—

Quality	Price per metric ton in week-ends in January (in rupees)		
	1960	1961	1962
Medium	4,850	5,225	3,968
Pieces	3,174	3,174	2,645

Manufacture of Power Tillers

1813. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of five experts from the Kubota Iron and Machinery Company of Japan visited India for setting up a factory to manufacture power tillers; and

(b) if so, whether any plan to set up a factory has materialised?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). At the invitation of the Government of Bihar, a five-man Japanese delegation visited India and had discussions with the Government of Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal and others regarding import/manufacture of the Kubota Power Tillers in India. Even before the visit of the delegation, a private firm had submitted an application under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for the manufacture of this make of tiller. The application, along with similar other applications, is under consideration.

Wool Industry in Rajasthan

1814. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have offered the services of experts