

Power Tillers

220. **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:** Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2677 on the 3rd May, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal of the Orissa Government with regard to the manufacture of Power Tillers in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total estimated cost of this project?

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

(a) to (c). The proposal of the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd., for the establishment of a new industrial undertaking at Balasore for the manufacture of Power Tillers, with Japanese collaboration, is still under consideration. The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 50 lakhs.

Instructors for Cottage Industries

221. { **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

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

(a) the total expenditure incurred on training of the instructors for various cottage industries by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during 1962-63; and

(b) the number of instructors who got training during the same period so far?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Invention Promotion Board

222. { **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

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

(a) whether any new inventions were received for inspection and registration by Invention Promotion Board during 1962-63; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) The Board normally does not receive applications specifically for inspection and registration of Inventions. During the year 1962-63 the Board received 145 applications for financial assistance and 157 applications for prize award.

(b) A list of Inventions granted financial assistance during the year 1962-63 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1449/63]. A list of Inventions awarded prizes during the year 1962-63 is also laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1443/63].

Hessian Bags

223. { **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of **International Trade** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 21 on the 8th November, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal to start two more firms in India for production of hessian bags; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Two more firms have since been recognised as manufacturers of polythene laminated bags, having an annual capacity of 60 lakh yards and 52.80 lakh yards respectively.