

to diseases and pests of the rubber tree.

- (iv) *Chemistry Division*: For tackling all problems relating to the processing and preparation of the raw product (latex) into forms in which it is required by the consumer, and improvement of its quality.

#### Import of Shaving Blades and Safety Razors

**2000. Dr. L. M. Singhvi**: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state the total quantum and value of the import of shaving blades and safety razors into India, country-wise during the last three years?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah)**: A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. LT-2221/63.]

#### Foreign collaboration for Industries

- 2001.** { Shri P. C. Borooah;  
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta;  
Shri Morarka;  
Shri Ravindra Varma;  
Shri D. D. Mantri;  
Shri Jashvant Mehta;

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign collaboration arrangements for setting up industries in the country, settled during the first three quarters of the current year;

(b) the number of sanctions issued for such collaboration during each period; and

(c) which are the countries from which collaboration offers are mainly coming forth?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo)**: (a) During the first 3 quarters of the current year Government of India have approved 227 cases involving foreign collaboration.

(b) Government have approved 7 cases each during the 1st and 2nd quarters and 79 cases during the 3rd quarter.

(c) Collaboration offers are mainly from the U.S.A., U.K., West Germany, Japan and Switzerland.

#### Export to Communist Countries

**2002. Shri Umanath**: Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether in developing exports to communists countries, the State Trading Corporation has merely diverted trade from its existing channels;

(b) the extent to which this policy has affected our trade in those items in other established markets; and

(c) the steps contemplated to rectify the position?

**The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah)**: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Paper from Bagasse

**2003. Shri Bishwanath Roy**: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made in the country for manufacture of paper with the bagasse available in the sugar factories; and

(b) if so, the progress made in that direction?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo)**: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven of the existing mills are already manufacturing paper partly from bagasse and besides these, twelve new units have been licensed for the manufacture of paper from this raw material.