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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of
the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Foam Plastic Units

*1273. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foam plastic units set up or proposed to be set up in the public or private sector during the Third Plan period;

(b) whether it will suffice the need of the country; and

(c) the total amount for which import licences were issued during 1963-64?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). Two Units including one Unit in the small scale sector, are in production and one more Unit is under installation. No separate target has been fixed for plastic foam. Import licences for about Rs. 5,51,000 in all have been issued.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: इस की मांग भारत में क्यों नहीं बढ़ सकी है। क्या वजह है कि इन की मांग बड़ी लिमिटेड रही है?

Shri Kanungo: It is now mostly used for bedding, cushioning purposes and ultimately it has got to be used for packing also. The demand is growing satisfactorily.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: क्या प्रापको इस मामले में किसी विदेशी कंपनी की

जरूरत पड़ी है किसी खास मैकेनिज्म के लिये।

Shri Kanungo: Not necessarily. But in any case this particular manufacture is at the lowest priority.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know the names of companies which have been granted this import licence?

Shri Kanungo: Eufoam (Private) Limited.

श्री बड़ै: क्या यह बात सच है कि इन कम्पनियों के होते हुए भी बहुत सा फोम प्लास्टिक का माल बाहर से आता है? यदि हाँ, तो वह कितने रुपये का है।

Shri Kanungo: I have not got the figures of import but the manufacture in the country is not yet adequate.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: In view of the answer given by the hon. Minister that these foam plastics will ultimately be used for packing, and knowing as we do that the price of timber has gone up very much, may I know to what extent these foam plastics are used for packing?

Shri Kanungo: This will certainly not replace timber. It will come for a little cushioning.

Shri P. N. Kayal: Where is the registered office of this company to whom this import licence has been granted?

Shri Kanungo: I have not got that information.

Shri P. Venkatasubbalah: The hon. Minister says that production is not

able to meet the demand. In that case may I know whether any new companies have come forward for getting licences of it and if so what is the reaction of the Government?

Shri Kanungo: It is on the lowest priority and we do not encourage it.

श्री ब्रज बिहारी मेहरोत्रा: जो विदेशी प्लास्टिक का माल बाहर से आता है क्या उसके बजाय हम देशी माल को प्रोत्साहन देंगे जिसे कि उमका उत्पादन बढ़ सके।

Shri Kanungo: It can be made from natural rubber as well as artificial rubber as well as various other raw materials. The question of protection does not arise.

Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal

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*1274. { **Shri Subodh Hansda;**
Shri S. C. Samanta;
Dr. P. N. Khan;
Shri S. M. Banerjee;

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether the initial difficulties for shortfall in production in the Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal have been removed;

(b) whether advance provision of raw materials has been made and if so, for how many years; and

(c) whether orders for the requisite quantities of heavy castings and forgings have been placed and if so, on which countries?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) These are being removed gradually.

(b) Stocks have been built up varying from 3 to 12 months; this is, however, a continuous process depending upon diversification and expansion of production.

(c) Heavy Forgings and Castings, required for the manufacture of hydraulic turbines, have been order-

ed for from U.K.; tenders will be invited for supply of forgings and castings for the manufacture of steam turbines, from the various supplier countries.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister said that the shortcomings will be gradually removed. May I know when these will be removed and whether the Ranchi Heavy Engineering Corporation will be able to supply all the forgings and castings?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): I do not think Ranchi will be able to supply forgings and castings entirely. Our idea is to have a separate casting and forging unit to supply to Heavy Electricals.

Shri Subodh Hansda: What is the foreign exchange requirement for the forgings and castings which have been ordered from U.K.?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We are trying to work out the requirements of foreign exchange from the United Kingdom, and the Finance Ministry has agreed to take a long-term view for three years and make advance provision for this.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any attempts have been made to manufacture heavy castings and forgings which are being imported in so much quantity at present?

Shri C. Subramaniam: At present the capacity is limited and to the extent extra capacity is available we will be able to get some of these castings and forgings in the existing unit but, as I stated already, a separate unit is absolutely necessary.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I would like to know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a news item in the *Statesman* and the *Times of India* of today that production has not started in full swing and some labour trouble is apprehended and, if so, what is the reaction of the Government to that and what