

### Production of Galvanized Corrugated Sheets

**2940. Shri Maheswar Nalk:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the relaxation of restriction on the import of zinc for galvanizing corrugated sheets, Government have allowed from April last limited production of these sheets;

(b) if so, how far the production has improved; and

(c) to what extent the needs of genuine consumers have so far been met and the steps being taken to meet the deficit?

**The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh):** (a) to (c). In 1965-66, owing to shortage of foreign exchange for the import of zinc, the production of galvanised sheets was considerably reduced. The production of galvanised sheets was allowed subject to availability of zinc. The production has improved to some extent after import liberalisation. The needs of the genuine consumers are met to the extent possible

within the available supplies. Many of the consumers have switched over to the use of black corrugated sheets painted with protective coating.

### Hire Purchase Scheme

**2941. Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state the extent of success achieved as a result of the application of hire purchase scheme in some of the industries?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** Under the Hire Purchase Scheme of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, machinery is supplied to small scale industrial units including small-scale ancillary units. Upto the end of October, 1966, machinery valued at about Rs. 26.0 crores had been supplied by the Corporation to about 6,000 units. An industry-wise analysis was made for the period ending December, 1965 and the analysis shows the industries which were set up as a result of the assistance as follows:—

S. No. & Name of Industry	Number of units	Hire Purchase Value
		Rs.
1 Agricultural Impilments	75	10,34,525
2 Auto Servicing	284	75,58,622
3 Building Materials	136	45,40,703
4 Ceramics	18	12,84,603
5 Chemicals	171	84,50,633
6 Containers	55	21,09,185
7 Electrical Goods	215	1,15,31,651
8 Food Products	151	43,35,982
9 Foundry	149	68,20,988
10 Leather	46	12,18,169
11 Light Enginerering	2,355	11,13,69,574
12 Metal Ware	106	57,13,700