

Year	Watches	
	No.	Value Rs. Lakhs
1965-66	1,66,110	197.53
1966-67	2,40,100	245.44
1967-68	2,50,000	264.00

Heavy Electricals (India) Limited

Year	Gross output Rs. in Lakhs
1965-66	979
1966-67	1641
1967-68	2149

Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited

Year	Tonnes
(i) Heavy Machine Building Plant—	
1965-66	10980
1966-67	14309
1967-68	14611

(ii) Foundry Forge Project—

1965-66	2466
1966-67	5057.26
1967-68	9088.60

(iii) Heavy Machine Tools Plant.—

This plant commenced pilot production in October, 1966 limited to assembly of O. K. D. components. During the year 1966-67 and 1967-68 total annual production was 7 machines and 15 machines respectively.

(c) *Hindustan Machine Tools Limited* As a result of recession, there had been a steep fall in demand for machine tools generally and this has in turn affected Hindustan Machine Tools Limited also. Consequently stocks of machines had accumulated and the production had to be restricted to 40-50 per cent of the installed capacity to avoid further accumulation of stocks. While there has been no progress in disposing of the stocks so far, there has been a general improving trend in order position which is expected to ease the stock position also.

Heavy Electricals (India) Limited

Due to recession, the orders for switchgear, medium voltage capacitors and thermal generating plant have gone down. This would result in under-utilisation of the capacity available for the manufacture of these items during the next two or three years. In almost all cases, manufacture is undertaken only against specific orders in view of the custom-built nature of the equipment. Hence there has been no accumulation of stock.

Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited

The recession cannot be said to have directly affected Heavy Machine Building and Foundry Forge Plants so far. This is due to the fact that the capacity is being built up and production at present is in the initial stages as the fact that the manufacturing cycle of Heavy Machine Building Plant is fairly long. Only the Heavy Machine Tools Plant which is also in the e production stage has not been able to procure sufficient orders for cer, in models of machine tools, owing to the recession. Till the end of March '68, 8 number of machine tools valued at about Rs. 37 lakhs were lying unsold in stock.

APPOINTMENT OF A MARKETING OFFICER IN HONG KONG

672. SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have refused to sanction the appointment of a local marketing officer and even a typist in Hong Kong under the pretext of effecting economy; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this apathy being shown resulting in loss of potential market for Indian products in Hong Kong ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) The total strength and category of staff in Indian Missions abroad is determined taking into account the prospects of developing experts, mea-

asures necessary for increasing exports, and among other things the availability of foreign exchange. In addition to the present strength, the proposal of our Mission in Hong Kong for a typist clerk is under examination in the light of the above criterion.

NOTINGS ON FILES IN HINDI

673. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the sections of the Industrial Development Department of the Ministry of Industrial Development and Company Affairs where noting on files in Hindi has been started ;

(b) the names of the sections where noting on files in Hindi has been started in regard to cases of a complicated nature ; and

(c) the date by which full arrangements for noting in Hindi are likely to be made in regard to the rest of the works ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Hindi notings on cases of routine nature have been started in the following sections : —

1. R. & I.
2. Estt. II.
3. Estt. III.
4. Parliament (Hindi Unit).
5. I. C. C. (I) Section.

<b) None.

(c) As soon as practicable.

FREE RAILWAY PASSES

674. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway employees who were eligible for free passes during 1967-68, including retired persons ;

(b) the number of free passes issued during the period; and

(c) the manner in which the sanctioned fund for the non-issued passes has been disposed of and the amount thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid en the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No funds are provided for the issue of passes to Railway employees.

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES MANUFACTURED IN THE COUNTRY

675. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual total quantity of hospital equipment and appliances manufactured in the country from stainless steel ; and

(b) the gauge-wise break-up of stainless steel used for these articles ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

676. [Transferred to the 13th. Decem ber, 1968.]

DELEGATIONS SENT ABROAD TO PROMOTE EXPORT OF TEA AND JUTE

677. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trade delegations sent abroad so far during this year or which are likely to be sent abroad by Government with a view to promote India's exports ; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote India's exports of tea and jute and the result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) 11 Trade Delegations have been sent abroad so far and 2 more are likely to be sent by Government during 1968 for promoting India's exports.