

40. Surgical Gloves (except plastic).
41. Telescope Aerials (for radio receivers).
42. Thermometers (up to 150°C).
43. Water Meters.
44. Welded Wire Mesh (except for expansion of existing units).
45. Wire Brushes and Fibres Brushes.
46. Wire Products—all wire products such as Wire Nails, Hob Nails, Panel Pins, Horse Shoe Nails.
47. Wood Screws.

MANUFACTURE OF CLINICAL THERMOMETERS

500. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manufacturers who make clinical thermometers in India;

(b) whether any of them have obtained I.S.I. mark for their thermometers;

(c) whether any rule or regulation has been made by Government requiring compulsory testing or certification of these thermometers before they are put on sale; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Government to ensure that thermometers of guaranteed accuracy are put on sale to the public?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) Three units borne on the list of Directorate General of Technical Development and about twenty units in the small scale sector.

(b) No, Sir. A few manufacturers have applied to the Indian Standards Institution for the certification mark.

(c) and (d) The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 have been amended whereby clinical thermometers not bearing I.S.I. Certification mark will be subject to licensing in accordance with the provisions of the said Rules.

PASHMINA WOOL INDUSTRY IN LADAKH

501. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pashmina Wool industry in Ladakh has been facing crisis for some time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c) The Pashmina Wool industry in Ladakh has been facing crisis because of stoppage by China of trade between Ladakh and Tibet. The Jammu and Kashmir State Government have started a Pashmina Development Farm in Chang-Phang area with a base flock of 1000 animals where efforts are being made to experiment on improvement of quality of Pashmina and propagation among local herdsman. Local people are also making vigorous efforts to augment pashmina production as 26,538 pashmina goats are being reared in Ladakh.

NUMBER OF AMBAR CHARKHAS WORKING IN MADHYA PRADESH

502. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ambar Charkhas distributed in Madhya Pradesh during the years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67;

(b) the number of Ambar Charkhas which were actually in operation during the same period; and