Information for 1961-62 season is not yet available as the entire produce of opium has still to be purchased by the Government.

(d) The rate fixed for 1961-62 season ranges from Rs. 36:00 to Rs. 44:00 per kilogramme of opium at 70 consistence, depending on the average yield per hectare tendered by the cultivator.]

‡मुद्रण यंत्रों का निर्माण

१६७. श्री भगवत नारायण भागेव । क्या इस्पात तथा भारी उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की क्रपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) भारत में मुद्रण यंत्र बनाने के कितने कारखाने हैं श्रीर उनमें गत तीन वर्षों में कितने यंत्र बने : श्रीर
- (ख) इन यंत्रों के निर्माण को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

MANUFA CTUREOFPRINTING MACHIN

- 167. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of factories manufacturing printing machines in India, and the number of machines manufactured in these factories during the last three years; and
- (b) what steps are being taken by Government to encourage the manufacture of these machines?]

इस्पात तथा भारी उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सी॰ सुब्रह्मण्यम) : (क) इस समय

[] English translation.

पांच फर्में मुद्रण यंत्र के भिन्न भिन्न मद बना रही हैं इन्होंने गत तीन वर्षों १६५६, १६६० और १६६१ में कमशः ३२,४१ और ५३ यंत्र बनाये।

(ख) चार और फ़र्मों को मुद्रण यंत्र के भिन्न भिन्न मद बनाने की अनुमति दे दी गई है। इस उद्योग के विकास के लिए और कदम उठाने का प्रश्न सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

tCTHE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) At present, there are five firms engaged in the manufacture of different items of printing machinery. The number of machines produced by them, during the years 1959, 1960 and 1961 was 32, 41 and 83 respectively.

(b) Permission has been granted to four more firms for the manufacture of different items of printing machinery. The question of further measures to be taken for the development of this industry is engaging the attention of Government.]

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STATEMENT RE STARRED QUES-TION NO. 269 ANSWERED EARLIER IN THE DAY

PRICES FIXED FOR POPPY FOR THE YEARS 1958—62

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): Sir, the hon. Member, Sfcri Vimalkumar Mannalalji, wanted to know the prices fixed for poppy. It is a very long statement here which gives the information regarding the prices fixed for the years 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62. With your kind permission. Sir. I would like to place it on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XXXVTII, Annexure No. 20.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

Transferred from the 3rd May, 1962.