

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Since July—September period it has been banned. Before that it was permitted on a restricted scale.

SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD: May I know when Indian spring press buttons will be manufactured?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: Within a year or so, looking to the licences that have been granted.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the consumption in the country?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: This is not an item which normally goes into regular consumption, but our estimate is about 24 lakhs gross per annum; that is the demand in the country.

HIGH POWER LABOUR COMMISSION

***445. SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD:** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint a High Power Labour Commission to enquire into the labour conditions and to study the need of changes in the existing labour laws; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps are being taken in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD: Is it thought unnecessary for a Labour Commission to be appointed at this time?

SHRI ABID ALI: Yes; we do not consider it necessary at this time.

PURCHASE OF SHIPS AND HEAVY MACHINERY FROM POLAND

***446. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ships and other heavy machinery purchased from Poland in the last six months; and

(b) whether it is a fact that we have paid more price for diesel engines imported from Poland as compared to those imported from any other country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) No ships have been purchased from Poland during the last six months. A statement showing imports of machinery from Poland during the period January—April 1957 is laid on the Table of the Sabha. Information for subsequent months is not yet available.

(b) There have been no imports of diesel engines from that country.

STATEMENT

Imports of Heavy Machinery from Poland during January—April 1957.

Information for subsequent months of 1957 is not yet available.

	Value in '000 Rs.
Metal working machinery .	990
Mining construction and other industrial machinery .	566
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances .	87
TOTAL .	1,643

NOTE.—Imports of ships and diesel engines are nil during January—April 1957.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know whether we got the machinery under some aid program or as a gift or as a long-term or whether we had to money?

SHRI SATISH CHA: machinery has been Poland.