- (ii) Providing technical assistance through the Small Industries Service Institutes.
- (iii) Arrangement with M/s. Dun-lop Rubber Co. (India) Ltd., for supplying tyres and tubes to small scale units at original equipment price.
- (iv) Providing modern machines and equipment to small units on hirepurchase system through the National Small Industries Corporation.
- (v) Grants and loans to State Governments for giving loans to small units under the State Aid to Industries Act.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Comparative study of utility and equality has not been completed so far, as it requires a longer time to make such comparative study. Prices compare favourably with those produced by large scale units.]

HINDUSTAN HOUSING FACTORY LTD.

- 43. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the .Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to continue to run the Hindustan Housing Factory Limited; and
- (b) whether the factory is at present self-supporting and, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government took over the complete control of the Factory on 16th August, 1955. From that day to the close of the Company's financial year on 31st July, 1956, the Factory made a net profit of Rs. 5,813-13 which, however, has gone to reduce the losses of Rs. 5 lacs incurred by Government during its partnership with Messrs. Basakha Singh Wallenborg Ltd.

EXPORT RISKS INSURANCE CORPORATION

44. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state when the Export Risks Insurance Corporation is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): The Export Risks Insurance Corporation is likely to start functioning some time during the 3rd quarter of this year.

PROGRESS IN THE PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF D.D.T. FACTORY, DELHI AND STARTING A SECOND D.D.T. FACTORY IN KERALA

45. Shri M. Valiulla: Will the Minister for Commerce and Industry be pleased to state what progress has so far been made in the plans to expand the present D.D.T. factory at Delhi to double its present size and to start a Second D.D.T. Factory at Kerala?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MORARJI R. DESA'I): 1. Expansion of Delhi Factory.—A substantial part of the equipment has arrived at site. The installation of the equipment and construction of the requisite buildings is in progress. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

2. Kerala Factory.—The contract for the supply and installation of the plant and machinery for this Factory, including the construction of the requisite buildings and structures, has been awarded on a turn-key basis to an American firm. The first consignment of the machinery and equipment has arrived at the Cochin Port and is under clearance. Construction of the main factory building and other subsidiary buildings is in progress. This factory is expected to go into production by the middle of 1958.

ARRIVAL OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN DAMAN PORT

46. SHRI M. VALIULLA:- Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: