

been shifting to the imported varieties of knitting and gramophone needles in preference to the local varieties. This may probably be one of the reasons.

PRODUCTION OF MATCHES

161. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production of matches during 1955-56 in A, B, C and D class of factories in the country;

(b) the number of A, B, C and D class factories that worked and which remained closed, during that year: and

(c) the State-wise location of these factories?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a), (b) and (c). A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Production of Matches during 1955-56

(a) and (b). Information regarding the number of 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' class match factories and their production in 1955-56 is given below:

Year	No. of factories	Total production in terms of 603 Gross boxes
1955-56	(All India)	(All India) (000)
Class A	8	18,652
Class B	104	14,822
Class C	77	621
Class D	53	31
TOTAL	242	34,126

Out of 242 factories, 33 factories are reported to be non-working.

(c) Information is not readily available.

STATUES OF LATE MAHARAJAS OF BIKANER, NAWANAGAR AND PATIALA

162. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were three statues of their Highnesses, the late Maharajas of Bikaner, Nawanager and Patiala installed in the former Chamber of Princes Sector now occupied by the Supreme Court of India in the Parliament House; and

(b) whether they have been kept at a safe place; and if so, where?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The statues have been kept in the basement of the Parliament House.

NORMALCY IN THE SUPPLY OF PIG IRON

163. SHRI MAHESHWAR NAIK: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply position of pig iron has improved since its free-sale has been stopped; and

(b) when normalcy in its supply position is expected to be restored?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) The position has not improved so far as internal supplies are concerned.

(b) Near normalcy is expected in the supply position of pig iron towards the end of 1959.

LAND OFFERED BY STATES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS FROM EAST PAKISTAN

164. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state: