

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a), (b) and (c). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Council as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FRENCH EXPERTS
REGARDING THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF
THE HINDUSTHAN SHIPYARD

*380. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state what are the recommendations of the experts of the French firm regarding the re-organization of the Hindusthan Shipyard?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): As the development plan of the Shipyard is still under the consideration of Government it is not yet possible to publish the French Firm's report.

GRANT OF IMPORT LICENCE TO MESSRS.
KALINGA TUBES OF ORISSA

*381. SHRI T. V. KAMALA-SWAMY: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a licence was granted to Messrs. Kalinga Tubes of Orissa to import about 10,000 tons of G. I. and W. I. pipes from the United Kingdom and other European countries;

(b) if so, at what rate per ton; and

(c) what was the price at which other importers were allowed to import such pipes?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1,624 per ton c.i.f. on the average.

(c) The price at which other importers imported pipes during the same period varied between Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 1,700 per ton c. i. f.

IRON AND STEEL DEALERS IN HIMACHAL
PRADESH

157. SHRI C. L. VARMA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct stockist of iron and steel in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint any dealers who may have direct connections with the manufacturers, producers or wholesale dealers?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI): (a) No, Sir. There are at present four registered stockholders—one in each of the Districts Chamba, Mandi, Sirmur and Solan of Himachal Pradesh. They can deal direct with the producers.

(b) Does not arise.

158. [Withdrawn.]

SHOE FACTORIES IN INDIA

159. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many shoe factories (with 100 workers or more in each) are there in India;

(b) what is their annual output of boots, chappals and shoes;

(c) how many of these factories are owned and managed by the foreigners; and

(d) what is the annual production of boots, chappals and shoes of the Bata factories in the country?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI T. T. KRISHNA-MACHARI): (a) Twenty-three according to the information available with the Government.

(b) The output of these factories: