

IMPORT OF MOTOR PARTS

*298. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is self-sufficient in (i) ball-bearings ; (ii) insulated copper wire ; and (iii) fan belts ; and

(b) if not, whether India is importing these articles, and if so, what is the amount India pays for each of these imported articles ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) :
(a) Not wholly self-sufficient if imports are to be considered to be a guide.

(b) Information regarding the quantity and value of import of ball and roller bearings and fan belts is not separately available.

The value of rubber insulated electric wires and cables imported during 1951-52 was Rs. 51,95,522.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : How many ball-bearings were manufactured in this country last year ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : I find that the following numbers of ball-bearings have been made during 1950 and 1951. From August to December 1950—41,800. During 1951—34,383 and in 1952, January to May, it is 25,870.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : How many are imported every year ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : For ball and roller bearings, I can give the value of the licences. January to June 1951, the total value of the licences is Rs. 2,59,356. July to December it is Rs. 2,69,568 and from January to June 1952, it is Rs. 4,82,480. I am sorry I have not got the numbers readily available.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH : Have Government any scheme for the further expansion of the existing indus-

tries which manufacture these things in the country ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : I am afraid I would require notice in order to be able to give a precise answer.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Has any kind of restriction been imposed recently on the import of ball-bearings, in the interest of the indigenous industry ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Though I cannot now give any more precise information, in regard to that question, I find that steps are being taken to make the country self-sufficient in such requirements, as early as possible.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Sir, I was asking whether recently a restriction on the imports of ball-bearings has been imposed in order to encourage the indigenous production.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes ; only ball-bearings of more than 2" size are now permissible to be imported.

RADIO MANUFACTURING CONCERNS

*299. SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any radio manufacturing concerns in India, if so, what is their number ;

(b) what is the total number of radio sets assembled or manufactured in the country during the last three years ; and

(c) whether Government give any subsidy or protection to these concerns ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) :
(a) Yes, Sir ; 15.

(b) 1949-50 : 21,900 sets.
1950-51 : 49,053 sets.
1951-52 : 103,023 sets.

(c) No, Sir.