

made by the Forum has been noted. It may take quite some time yet, before a decision is taken in the matter.

Machinery Manufacturers Corporation, Calcutta

*748. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Machinery Manufacturers Corporation, Calcutta has closed their factory partially;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to prevent its closure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 6]

Pakistani Firing in Kashmir

*749. { **Shri P G Deb:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Sarju Pandey:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a raiding party from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir headed by one constable Sikander Khan crossed the cease-fire line on the 10th August, 1959;

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the party fired on the police post of the Tithwal Area; and

(d) whether a protest has been made to the U.N. Observers?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):
(a) On August 2, 1959 at about 00.45

hours, a POK patrol led by head constable Iskander Khan approached our police picquet at Bandi, about 4 miles South-east of Tithwal and about 900 yards on our side of the Cease-fire line.

(b) and (c). On being challenged by our sentry, the POK patrol opened fire. Our post also fired 2 rounds in return. At this stage one of the POK men was seen to fall down. In the morning our patrol which was sent to search the area recovered one rifle, five rounds and some blood-stained clothes from the scene. At 11.45 hours head constable Iskander Khan who had been wounded in the encounter surrendered himself and was admitted to hospital. There were no casualties on our side.

(d) A cease-fire violation complaint has been lodged with the U.N. Field Observer Team

Small-scale Industries

*750. { **Shri R. C. Majhi:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two-man team of French Experts has completed the technical survey for setting up a Centre for training Indian technicians in the manufacture of precision instruments essentially required for industrial development and for production of prototypes for small-scale industries;

(b) whether they have submitted any report in this regard; and

(c) if so, the main features of the report?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). The report of the team has just been received. It contains suggestions about the type of production and training to