the Director General of Supplies and Disposals and the Coir Board's showrooms and Sales depots during the year 1960-61 and 1961-62 is as follows:—

Year	Value
1960-61	Rs. 4,47,558
1961-62	Rs. 8,63,482

Industry Plant and Machinery

2375. Shri Subodh Hansda: Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the progress of manufacture of Industrial Plants and Machinery both in the private and public sector;

(b) if so, what is Government's estimate of achieving the Third Five Year Plan target in view of the present rate of production;

(c) whether there is shortfall in the present rate of production; and

(d) if so, what is the shortfall?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) to (d): The Third Plan targets have been fixed for achievement by the year 1965-66, which is the last year of the Third Plan. (Annual phasing of these targets for the intermediate years in the Third Plan period has not been done). The progress of manufacture of industrial plants and machinery in the private and public sector is reviewed periodically. It is hoped that the Third Plan targets will be substantially achieved in most of the industries. Production in most of the mrchinery manufacturing industries has increased. There has, however been fall in the production of some of the machine building industries in 1962 as compared with 1961. A statement showing production of some of the important industries in 1961 and 1962 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. *See* No. LT-1218|63].

Furnace Oil

2376. Shri Subodh Hansda: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of industries have switched over to furnace oil;

(b) if so, the present consumption of this oil;

(c) whether there is any reduction of the cost in running the Industrial Units; and

(d) if so, what is the cost of reduction as compared to coal feeding units?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For security reasons, it will not be appropriate to reveal this information.

(c) and (d). It is estimated that, in switching over to furnace oil, the industry will have to incur extra expenditure which may be of the order of Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per tonne of oil consumed, depending upon the type of industry. There willl, however, be advantages such as—

(i) continuity of fuel supply,

(ii) easy handling,

(iii) standard fuel quality,

(iv) gain in efficiency in the working of boilers,

(v) average working life of boilers will increase and maintenance cost will be less.

Export of Manganese

2377. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1700 workers in the Manganese mines in Gujarat have been rendered unemployed because of accumulation of stocks;