

other valuable materials on beds of oceans including Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No. Only small occurrences of nodules which contain manganese, phosphates, copper, cobalt, and nickel are known to occur on the beds of the oceans including the Indian Ocean.

(b) The Geological Survey of India propose to undertake detailed study of the Indian Ocean bottom sediments while participating in the International Indian Ocean Expedition.

जंग लगने से लोहे की बरबादी

६५७. श्री श्रीकार लाल बरेवा : क्या इस्पात, खान और भारी इंजीनियरिंग में से यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में ५० अरब रुपये का लोहा हर साल जंग से खराब हो जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसको रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार कर रही है ?

इस्पात, खान तथा भारी इंजीनियरिंग मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री प्र० चं० सेठी):

(क) और (ख). इस्पात को प्राकृतिक कारणों से जंग लग जाता है। जंग लगने से होने वाली हानि के आंकड़े नहीं रखे गए हैं। जंग के असर को पेंट करने अथवा जस्ती और डब्वे की चादरों के इस्तेमाल से कम करने के लिए सभी सम्भव साधनाएँ बरनी जाती हैं।

Manufacture of Light Engineering Goods

958. { **Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**
Dr. U. Misra:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether at least 90 per cent self-sufficiency has been achieved in the manufacture of light engineering goods, in the matter of indigenous manufacture of components or whole machines;

(b) the indigenous content of the output of the automobile and bicycle industries and other branches of engineering industry (except heavy engineering); and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange saved in 1962-63 and 1963-64 as compared to 1952-53 and 1953-54 by indigenous manufacture of formerly imported items of engineering goods or by import substitution in this field?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2462/64].

Licences for Manufacturing Engineering Goods

959. { **Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**
Dr. U. Misra:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued during the last ten years for the manufacture of engineering goods in our country; and

(b) the extent of foreign participation in the industry, branch-wise?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Particulars of all licences, including those for the manufacture of engineering goods, issued from time to time under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, have been published in (i) List of Industrial Undertakings licensed by the Central Government under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 (as on 31st December 1957); (ii) List of Industrial