

### Defence Stores

344 Shri H. N. Mukherjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of Defence Stores purchased from abroad in 1955-56 and 1956-57,

(b) the total value of indigenous purchases made during the same period; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken or proposed to be taken for immediate and effective economies in respect of foreign purchases?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) The total value of Defence stores purchased from abroad is as follows

Year	Amount (In lakhs of Rs)
1955-56	2662 66
1956-57	4244 15
	1048 54 = 3711 20
	1354 77 = 5598 92
	(expenditure compiled up to March, 1957)

(b) Indigenous purchases are made in respect of stores which are manufactured in this country as well as those that are available in this country but manufactured abroad. The value of these stores is as follows—

Year	Amount (In lakhs of Rs)
1955-56	2647 61
1956-57	2704 07*

(c) Government resort to importing Defence stores from abroad only in the case of specialized type of equipment, security stores and other items which cannot be procured from within the country or which cannot be manufactured in Ordnance Factories. Government are, however, engaged in a continuous examination of the list of Defence stores which are imported from abroad with a view to finding out which of them are capable of indigenous production/manufacture

\*Expenditure compiled up to March 1957

It is also proposed to modernise and replace plant and machinery of the Ordnance Factories and expand the capacity of certain Factories with a view to reducing the foreign purchases

The technical development establishments are assisting private industry to develop manufacture of certain items hitherto imported. A high level committee has recently been appointed to go into the whole question of stepping up indigenous production to achieve maximum self-sufficiency.

### Social Welfare Services in Orissa

345 Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) the amount of grant-in-aid given by the Central Social Welfare Board to each of the social welfare institutions of Orissa during 1956-57, and

(b) the target fixed for developing the social welfare services in Orissa during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) A statement giving the requisite information is placed on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No 30]

(b) Four Welfare Extension Projects are expected to be functioning on an average in each district of Orissa State during the Second Plan period. No state-wise targets have been fixed for giving grants to the voluntary welfare organisations.

### Hindi Scholarships to Orissa Students

346 Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) the number of students of the State of Orissa awarded scholarships by the Centre for higher studies in Hindi during 1956-57,