

Copper Ingots—7,500 tons per annum.

Lead (Virgin)—6,000 tons per annum.

Antimony—800 tons per annum.

(b) The present installed capacity for rolling of non-ferrous metals is estimated as under:

Aluminium Sheets/circles	17/18,000 tons per annum.
Brass/Copper sheets, circles and strips.	45/50,000 tons per annum.
Aluminium wire rods for A.S.C.R.	6,000 tons per annum on single shift basis.
Copper wire rods for copper conductor wires	15,000 tons p. a. on single shift basis.
Zinc sheets/strips	5,700 tons p.a.
Lead sheets	1,092 tons p.a.

(c) Total value of import of non-ferrous metals as raw material for rolling is not separately available. Total value, however, of import of non-ferrous metals for all purposes and total value of import of finished products of non-ferrous metals are available in the "Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India" a publication of the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

Labour in High Range Estates in Kerala

1459. (Shri Kadiyan:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee appointed by the Kerala State Government in 1957 to enquire into the system and working of labour in Estates in the High Ranges have submitted their final report; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The Committee appointed by the Government of Kerala in 1957 to go into the question

of wages and bonus in the plantation industry, has submitted its report.

(b) No.

Land Acquisition Development Scheme

1460. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhari: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received replies from the State Governments indicating their requirements of funds for implementing the Land Acquisition and Development Scheme introduced recently;

(b) if so, the nature of replies together with the name of the States from which they have been received; and

(c) the allocations made by the Central Government to each of the States during the current year?

The Deputy Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) No reply has so far been received from any State Government except Punjab.

(b) The Government of Punjab have requested for the allotment of a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs for the remaining period of the Second Plan.

(c) No allocations have yet been made.

Production of Liquid Gold

1461. { Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri Bhanja Deo:

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

(a) whether the production of liquid gold has declined in 1958; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No, Sir. The production of liquid gold has, in fact, increased from 1,27,729 ozs. in 1957 to 1,52,500 ozs. during 1958.

(b) Does not arise.

Manganese Ore Trade

1462. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-committee appointed by the Committee for promotion of manganese ore trade to make recommendations for reducing the cost of Indian manganese ore by improving mining methods, providing adequate facilities for transport of ore etc., has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the nature of recommendations made; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Not yet.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Japanese Handicrafts Design Expert

1463. **Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the opinion of the Japanese Handicraft design expert Indian Government intends modernising Indian handicraft industry by simplifying the designs and mechanising techniques of production; and

(b) to what extent Japanese handicraft industry will help India to nationalise and modernise the Indian industry?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A formal report from the Japanese Handicrafts expert who visited India recently, is still awaited. His suggestions for the development of handicraft industry will be considered on receipt of the report.

Synthetic Dyes

1464. **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total indigenous production

of synthetic dyes during 1957-58 and 1958-59 in the country; and

(b) the quantity used in manufacturing lip-sticks during the same period?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The total production of synthetic dyes in the country during 1957 and 1958 was as follows:

1957	8.8 million lbs.
1958	7.0 million lbs.

(b) No precise information is available about the colours and dyes used in the manufacture of lip-sticks.

Import of Tractors and Bulldozers

1465. **Shri N. R. Munschwamy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tractors and bulldozers imported into India during the years 1957-58 and 1958-59;

(b) the landed cost thereof, the import duty realised and the retail prices (average) at which they have been supplied to the users; and

(c) what percentage of these has been supplied to the agriculturists and businessmen, separately?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) 4,797 Nos. of tractors of all types and 129 Nos. of bulldozers of all types were imported during the year 1957-58; the corresponding figures for the year 1958-59 are 3,245 Nos. and 42 Nos. respectively.

(b) and (c). A variety of tractors of different sizes and types are being imported into the country by Established Importers and their landed cost varies according to the types and sizes of such tractors. Except for some imports arranged by the State Trading Corporation from the East European Countries on rupee payment basis, tractors and bulldozers are generally imported through the normal