

(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