

**Working Hours of Gun Shell Factory,
Cossipore**

5768. SHRI DEVEN SEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the weekly working hours of the Shell Section of the Gun Shell Factory, Cossipore have been reduced from 60 hours to 54 hours, involving financial loss to the employees concerned; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such reduction in weekly working hours ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b) . The normal working hours in Ordnance Factories are 44½ hours per week. They have been working overtime depending upon the workload. Due to reduction of workload in the Shell Section of Gun and Shell Factory, the overtime working hours have been curtailed.

Gun Shell Factory, Cossipore

5769. SHRI DEVEN SEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the forgings for Shell Shop of Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore is not being adequately supplied by Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore and Ordnance Factory, Kanpur; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for inadequate supply of forgings by the factories at Ichapore and Kanpur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Requirements of forgings for the Shell Shop of Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore are, by and large being met from supplies by Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore and Ordnance Factory, Kanpur.

(b) Does not arise.

Rifle Factory at Ichapore

5770. SHRI DEVEN SEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that from the time of the Chinese aggression, Rifle

Factory, Ichapore has started producing semi-automatic rifles alongwith bolt action rifles ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that every month, Rifle Factory, Ichapore has been supplying semi-automatic rifles and bolt action rifles in large numbers since their production started ;

(c) whether it is a fact that from the 6th February, 1969, the inspecting authority has started rejecting a large number of rifles, supplied by the Rifle Factory, Ichapore in consequence of which not only the workers are losing their earnings but Government are losing it their income ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). A certain number of Bolt Action Rifles which were found to show some defects were returned to the factory by the Inspectorate for necessary rectification which is in progress.

Meanwhile further production of Bolt Action Rifles has been considerably reduced and production of Semi-automatic Rifles has been stepped up. There has been no loss of wages to the workers as a result of the change in the pattern of production. The question of any loss of income for Government does not arise.

Cannanore Cooperative Spinning Mills

5771. SHRI P. GOPALAN) :
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Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had decided to reduce the spindle capacity of Cannanore Co-operative Spinning Mills ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;